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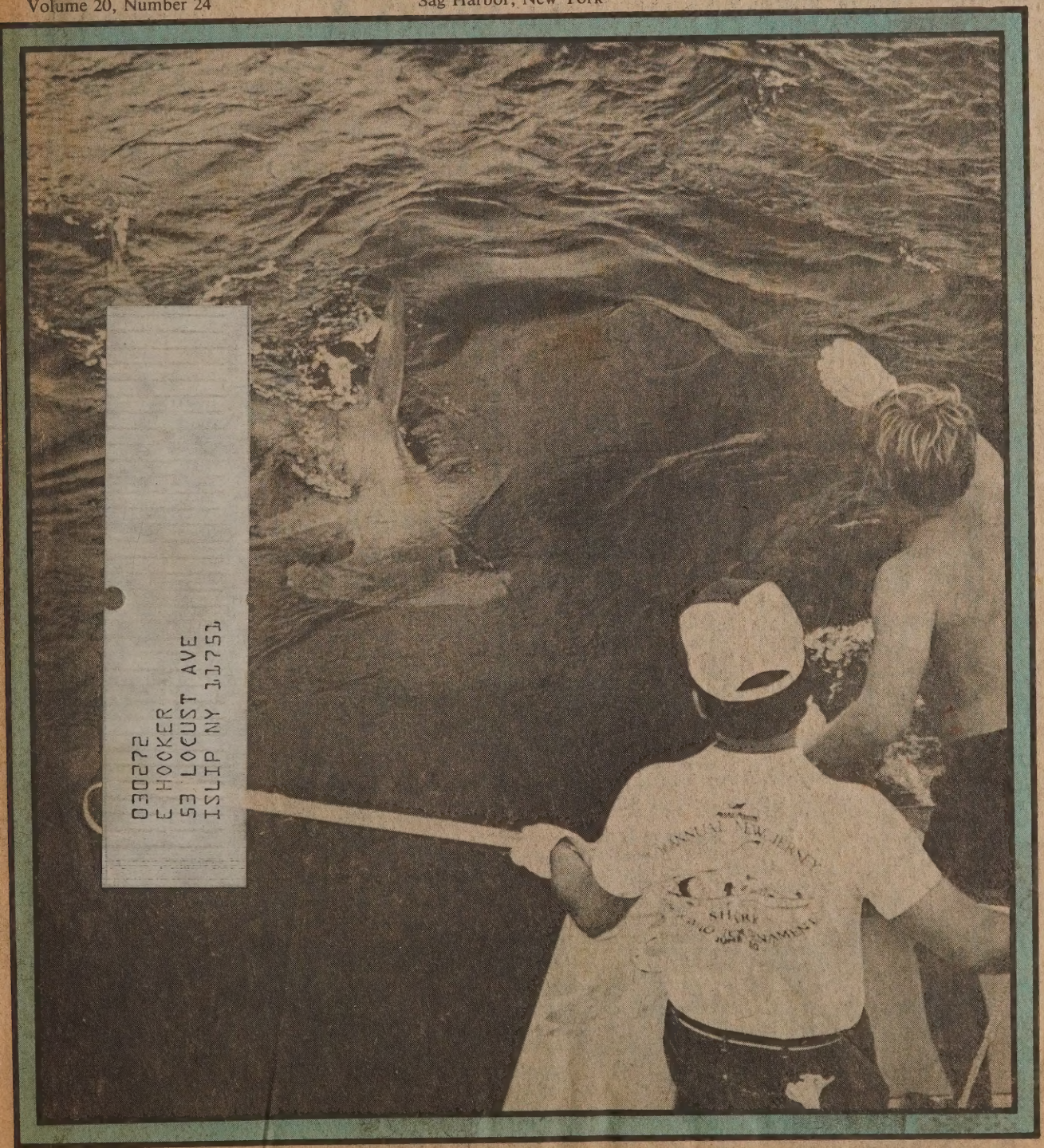

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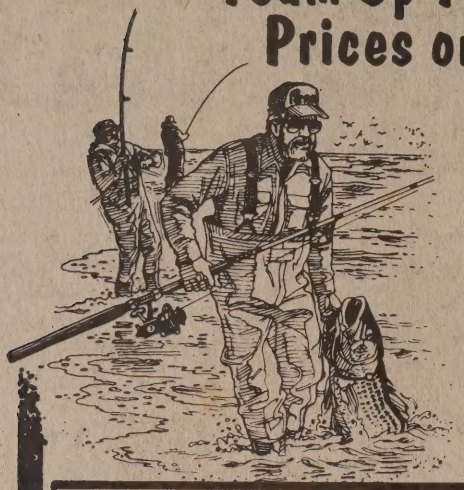

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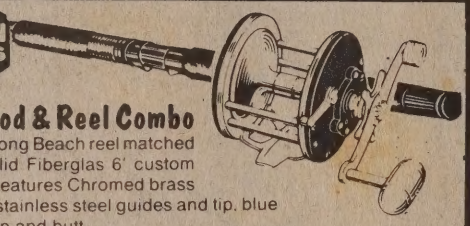

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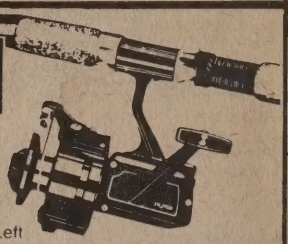

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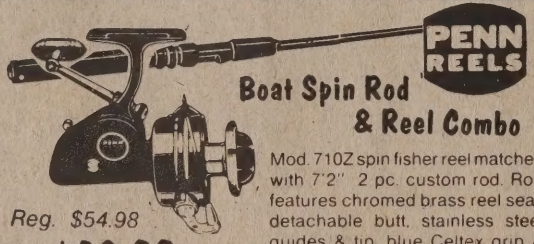


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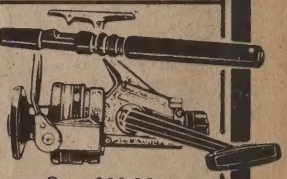

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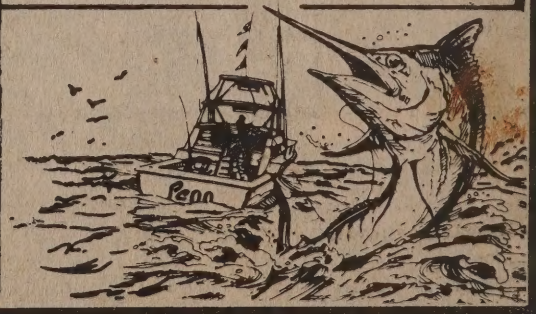

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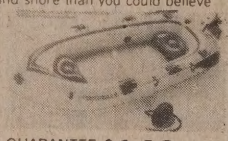

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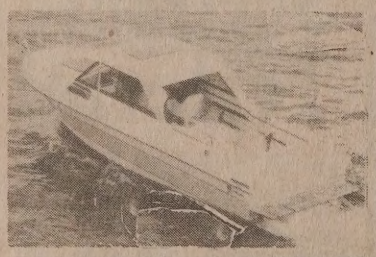

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In last year's event, over 200 participating anglers took hundreds of pounds of tun, and at least 7 white marlin were weighed-in. Trophies are awarded for both the three largest billfish and the three largest tuna. In addition, there are tackle prizes to individual winners.

Slip space is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. For further information and application, contact: Bob Hubler, P.O. Box 764, Valley Stream, NY 11583. (516) 599-4325.

## ISLAND PARK FLUKE TOURNEY PRIZE LIST STILL EXPANDING

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Ed Mesunas of Penn Reels, a Penn 704Z Spinning Reel has been added as a prize in the Fluke Fishing Tournament coming up on the weekend of July 6th and 7th. It was decided to award this special prize to a "Female Fluke Buster," that is, to honor the woman fluke angler who places among the top ten winners! The entry forms and rule booklets have been distributed and there are DEC Rulers FREE to the first 500 entrants. There are two participating Open Charter boats for this event: The Commodore, out of Island Park and the Captain Lou Fleet out of Freeport.

Further icing was added to the prize incentives for the weekend of July 6th and 7th. According to Ken Kalibat, from K&K Outboard Marine, anyone who wins the prize and has been fishing from a boat with a **Yamaha Motor**, will be awarded $1000 in addition to first prize money. Now, if you catch a "biggie," make sure you do it in a boat with a Yamaha motor. The list of places where entry forms are available follows:

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The author is Jim Capossela, a 10-year professional writer who has scribed four outdoor books and has contributed to Field & Stream, Outdoor Life, Sports Afield, The Fisherman and many other magazines.

This book covers Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Orange Counties, the Hudson River, Western Long Island Sound, Long Island and around the five boroughs. Through its 244 pages, it makes it evident that despite the great population—some 11 million people live here—there is some really exceptional fishing, both fresh and salt water. The freshwater coverage is very detailed. It includes the most complete treatise in print of the bountiful New York City reservoirs and streams. There are also special chapters for families (park fishing) and kids (pond fishing), plus two chapters on the surprising freshwater angling on Long Island. The book surveys all local salt waters and here the emphasis is on shore access. Five detailed maps pinpoint nearly 150 locations. Covered are the Sound, Long Island's north and south shores,

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### CARMARK ADDS MONTAUK AND SOUTH SHORE BAY SPORT FISHING CHARTS TO ITS LINE

Last year, Carmark's first full color Loran C sport fishing chart that covered the inshore and offshore waters south of Long Island was a sellout. This year Carmark will be back with that chart, plus two new charts: a full color offshore and inshore Loran C sport fishing chart covering Montauk and a full color sport fishing chart covering all the South Shore bays of Long Island.

**The Montauk Chart** is a two-sided full color chart that covers from Montauk Pt. to the Hudson Canyon, all the way east to Nantucket Shoals to Veatch Canyon on the offshore side. The inshore side is a closer, more detailed view of Montauk Pt. to Block Island and the surrounding waters North and South. The chart features easy to read color-coded Loran lines and numbers for quick references and a list of over 20 different Loran numbers to wrecks and fishing grounds that are all clearly plotted on both sides.

Like its predecessor, "The South Shore Chart," it's encased in an extra heavy waterproof lamination that makes it easy to handle and write on with a grease pencil or felt-tip marker. The 22" x 18" size also makes it easy to stow.

If you ever wanted to know exactly where places like the Black Banks, Mary's Hole, or the Basket are located, or have some of Long Island's best baymen, charter captains and fishermen name and pinpoint hundreds of their favorite fishing spots in the bay—this is the chart that does it.

Carmark has produced a full color, full detailed fishing guide that covers all the bays of Long Island's South Shore from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Bay.

This chart names and locates all the local hotspots you've always heard about along with easy to read symbols that identify ten different species of fish and show exactly where the pros like to fish them. The information on this chart comes from charter boat captains, tackle dealers, baymen, bait

# Quantum® Lab Report

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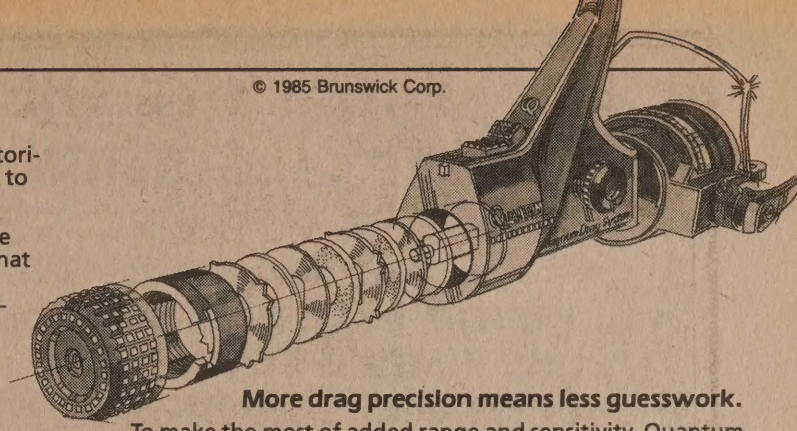
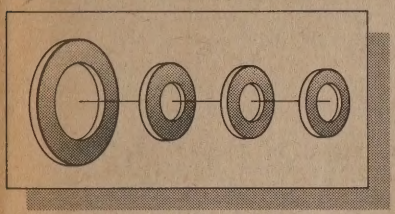


The performance choice in spinning reel drags has historically been limited to two. Front drags that are difficult to adjust. Rear drags that are unpredictable.

Now there's Quantum Magnum Drag. With 600% more working drag surface, it's the first spinning reel drag that can really talk performance. The kind of performance that makes a big fish respect light line. The kind of performance that won't fade or freeze under pressure. Performance beyond what everyone has always accepted as the limit. Until now.



Actual size comparison of Magnum Drag discs vs. conventional rear drag discs.

### The more you have to work with the more you have a right to expect.

The size difference between Quantum and conventional drag discs tells you what you can expect from Magnum Drag. More. More surface area means more range, control, precision, sensitivity.

### More drag surface means more leverage.

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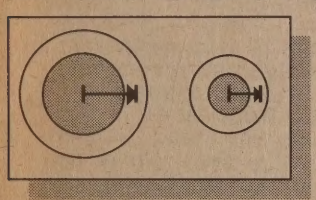

Quantum's disc radius is nearly double that of conventional rear drag discs.

### More drag precision means less guesswork.

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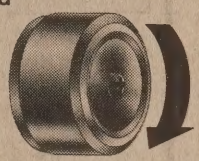
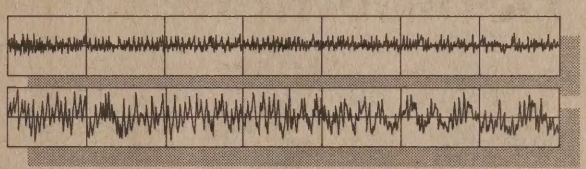


990° degrees of rotation, calibrated in 1/4-pound increments, deliver precise control of Quantum's drag range.

### The heart of performance.

If the drag is the heart of the reel, Quantum engineering produced a reel that's all heart. Notice how the bottom chart is a highly erratic line. Every peak and valley on that line is a bump or a slip in drag tension. A missed fish. Magnum Drag reaches one peak, applies a consistent even pressure, and displays virtually a straight line. The heartbeat of Quantum. Because the shortest, surest distance from the strike to the live well is a straight line.



Actual demonstration of Quantum Magnum Drag (above) vs. conventional rear drag (below). These graphs plot drag smoothness and consistency much the same way an EKG plots heartbeats.

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### ATLANTIS ANGLERS ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF INTERCLUB WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT

In the overall club effort category, determined by the three largest fish hooked and boated, first place and our trophy was awarded to the Oakdale Fishing Club with two fish totaling 20 lbs. 4 oz. Squadron Anglers placed second with a total of 9 lbs. 14 oz. Third place honors went to the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club with a fish of 9 lbs. even. Individual prizes for the largest fish caught by an angler were also presented. First prize went to Fred Dombo, representing Oakdale Fishing Club, with an 11 lb. 14 oz. weakfish. Gary Tepperman of Squadron Anglers, took second place with a 9 lb. 14 oz. weak. Third fell to Tony Siniscalchi of the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club, with a fish of 9 lbs. even.

Prizes were distributed to club representatives on May 22nd in a meeting held at the Salty Bay Yacht Club in Freeport. Eleven clubs participated in the tournament which was held May 18th and 19th. Our Interclub Fluke Tournament will be run on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30. Interested clubs who have not already signed up can contact Ralph Horowitz, after 6PM by telephoning

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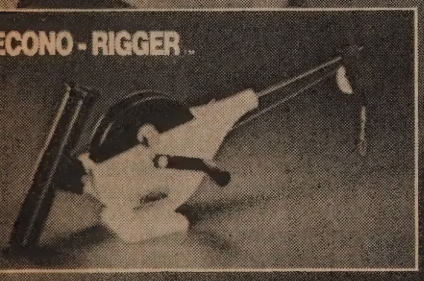


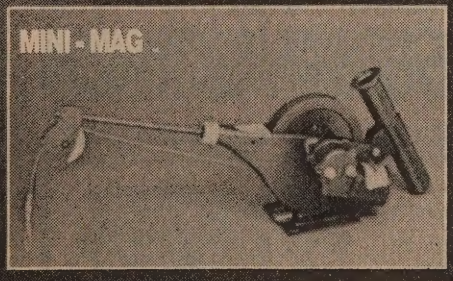

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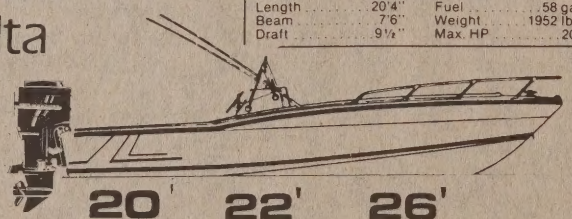

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Those interested in donating to the Jimmy Chow Memorial Fund should call Winnie Ferrara at (914) 237-5351.

### SEAFOOD AND CORONARY HEART DISEASE: NEW FINDINGS

You may have been brought up on the old adage that "fish is brain food," and current research indicates that more and more nutritionally smart people are increasing the amount of seafood in their diets both to stay in shape and to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease. Three major areas of concern are calories, fat content and sodium levels.

Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about fats in their diets, and well they should be, since coronary heart disease accounts for approximately 50 percent of all deaths in the United States. One of the most exciting recent developments in seafood nutrition is the role that certain polyunsaturated fatty acids found in fish oils play in actually reducing the risk of heart attack.

Atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries occurs when deposits of cholesterol form on the walls of the blood vessels that carry blood away from the heart. The smaller the diameter of the opening of these vessels, the harder the heart has to work to pump blood. Sometimes these vessels become blocked entirely and a heart attack or stroke occurs.

Contrary to their expectations, Danish scientists found that Greenland Eskimos who had a diet rich in fish oils did not show signs of atherosclerosis. Further research indicated that some of the polyunsaturated fatty acids in fish oils actually reduced the deposit of cholesterol and reduced the level of serum cholesterol overall.

The higher the fat level of the fish, the better its effect on lowering bad cholesterols. Fish such as tuna, salmon and herring actually do a better job than leaner fish. Mackerel is probably the best source of desirable polyunsaturates. These fish contain large amounts of eicosapentanoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), the fatty acids that seem to be

most effective in reducing the risk of heart attack.

More research is needed in all of these areas to clarify the roles played by polyunsaturated fatty acids in fish oils, but the future looks promising.

Fish and seafoods supply us with complete proteins and at the same time are very low in calories. A 100 gram (3½ ounce) portion of a lean fish such as cod or haddock contains about 80 calories while the same portion of a high fat fish such as bluefish or mullet contains about 120 calories.

The role of sodium in the diet is of particular concern to those individuals with a tendency toward high blood pressure or hypertension.

If you are concerned about your health and well being, seafoods should play a major role in your diet because:

**1.** Most seafoods supply us with complete proteins and at the same time are very low in calories. Use some lemon juice and fresh herbs instead of adding heavy butter sauces.

**2.** Recent data seem to indicate that certain polyunsaturated fats found in fish oils actually lower serum cholesterol and reduce the risk of atherosclerosis.

**3.** Seafoods are naturally low in sodium which is an important consideration in the dietary regulation of hypertension.

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Gary Soucie is Executive Editor of *Audubon* magazine. His book "Hook, Line and Sinker" was hailed as "interesting, entertaining, eminently useful" (Wilmington Sunday News Journal), "an essential handbook for the beginner and expert alike" (A.J. McClane), "the reference manual to put all others to shame" (Field & Stream), and "the most useful fishing book I have read in a decade" (Lefty Kreh).

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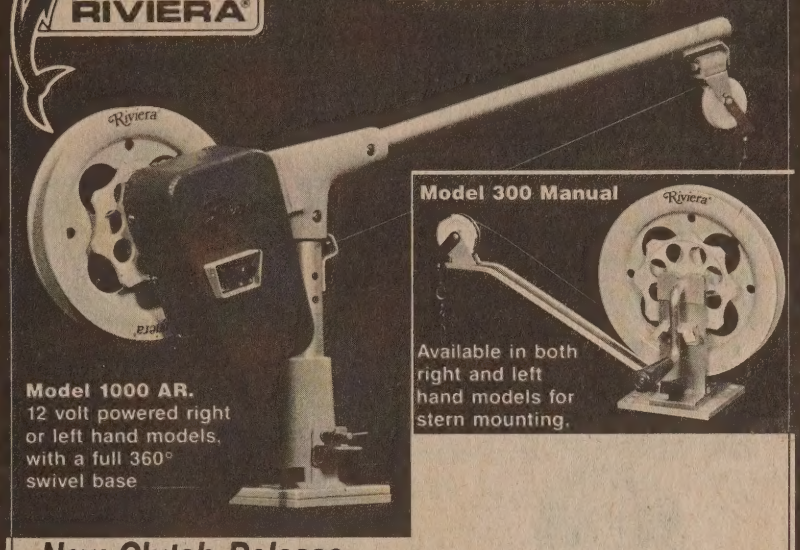
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# CHUM LINES

### WHAT BECAME OF BLUEFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN?

Dear Sirs,

I read with great interest the editorial written by Mr. Muller regarding the Bluefish Management Plan.

Recalling the 1950s when we caught many bass from Cape Cod waters and a bluefish was a rare prize, I can't help but think that if there weren't any bluefish then, why couldn't that be again? This time overfishing of the species certainly would contribute.

At any rate, I am concerned enough so that I drafted letters to President Reagan and my state senator using much of Mr. Muller's facts, plus a few words of my own, and produced quite a number of copies which I distributed to interested fishermen, to mail in. (Copy enclosed.)

I am in favor of any kind of bluefish management plan, but I really don't know anything specific about the plan that was submitted.

Is there a source from which I could obtain this information? Also, how can I follow up to find out if our write-in efforts may have had any impact?

The Fisherman is an excellent magazine. Keep up the good work. *Peter J. Virbasius.*

*Although we are answering your letter specifically, please allow this response to be for all those who have written in about this topic, as well as many others who have wondered and not gotten around to sending us a note about it. Indeed, our letters did accomplish something. We did not get an immediate reversal, but enough interest was expressed to allow the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council to reconsider its plan. It will amend the language of the plan in the next few months and re-submit it for approval. Some officials believe it may be accepted by the President's Office of Management and Budget this time around. In addition, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has also begun to discuss bluefish management. An effort from this group would be handled in the same way recently developed striped bass plan was developed. Nonetheless, we must keep up on this issue because it is too important to let drop. Bluefish may be the only inshore game fish we have if bass and weaks continue to decline. Don't believe those who try to convince us that blues eat bass and weaks, and that's why they're declining. Sure, everybody eats everybody in the sea, but bass and weaks aren't declining because of blues. Scientifically, it is far more likely that lack of competition from bass and weaks for food and space has allowed bluefish stocks, in part, to get so large. Also worth remembering is that some U.S. commercial interests are still seeking a large foreign market for blues, and if they succeed that means ocean purse seining and a genuine threat to the recreational interest in blues.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

### POSITIVE RESPONSE TO EXPANDED FRESHWATER COVERAGE

Dear Sir:

As a subscriber since 1970, I am delighted with the new expanded freshwater coverage. Keep up the good work! Enclosed is a photo of an 8 lb. brown I caught on Lake Ontario at Oswego on the 21st of April. Hope you can use it. *Larry Winston, Glen Head, NY.*

*Dear Larry,*

*Glad you're enjoying the expanded freshwater coverage. We've tried to expand it through reports and feature articles without taking away from our saltwater coverage. So far, so good. No one is complaining and we've made more than a few anglers out there happy.* Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

### WEAKFISH, WEAK MOUTHS

Dear Sir:

For as long as I've been weakfishing, I've been perpetuating the accepted explanation for this fish's common name. "Well, the reason it's called a weakfish isn't because it can't fight, but rather because the tissues of its mouth are soft and delicate. Horse it and lose it!" I would say to my neophyte friends.

I propose that this claim is a myth. I've hooked up and horsed the fish in quickly in order to make another cast before they move on. To my surprise, a fat weak was at the end of the line, not the scrappy blue I expected. On a second occasion, equipped only with a small net, I netted a big weak taken on a popper. The fish was hooked superficially, the net got tangled in the plug, yet the hooks held. And on a third occasion, I've landed weaks as quickly as I could reel them in with heavy diamond jigs and stout conventional tackle.

So is the explanation fact or fiction? Does it only hold for the smaller fish? What has your experience been? Sincerely, *Jeff Salkin.*

*Well, Jeff, you're right and the old theory is too. I agree with you that weaks can take a lot of punishment when hooked. I've found very little difference between the likelihood of losing a weak and other species. In fact, I've always fished for weaks with a tight drag. I believe in putting the hurts to a fish for two reasons. One,*

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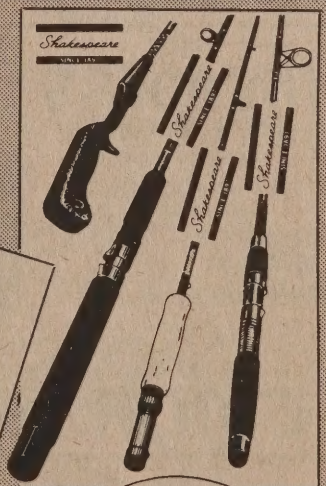


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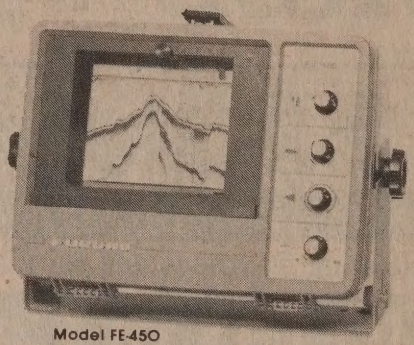
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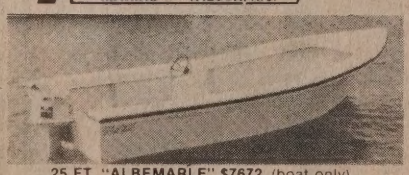
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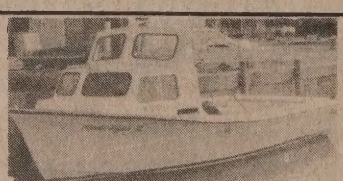
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*give the fish a maximum chance to escape, and second, I avoid long fights that promote shock because I want to return the fish to the water. The mouth is constructed with less bony tissue, however, and the connective tissue between the bones is much thinner. The result is that the jaw structure is not as massive and the fish cannot generate the same closing power that a bass or a blue can. This doesn't necessarily mean that the jaw structure will fall apart during a battle with a fisherman. Some anglers do prefer to fish a weakfish with a light drag and it is a matter of personal preference. Weakfish fought against light drags for a relatively long fight should not be released, however, since they will go into severe shock and likely not recover even if they seem to swim away.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

### THIS MATE'S A GENTLEMAN

Dear Sirs:

I hope you'll print this so I'll have the opportunity to thank Jerry, a mate on the Pilot II out of Sheepshead Bay. He took time out to teach me some priceless blackfishing tips and went above and beyond the call of duty by lending me his own rod and reel when mine failed.

Although the weather was not good and conditions rough, I caught more fish than most and learned more in one day than I have in years. So wherever you are, Jerry—thanks for taking the time to give a lady a hand—and thanks for the "Harnell." Signed, *Dave's friend, Lee.*

### COMMENTS ON WRECK SERIES

Dear Sirs,

I am especially enjoying articles about "the wrecks" and enjoy Ahern as well. Maybe because I'm an "oldster" too. I now live 1500 miles from Long Island but get there once every year or two and get in some saltwater fishing. *Lenard Reckling.*

Dear Mr. Golofaro:

I have been a subscriber to The Fisherman for several years. I would like to tell you that the Wreck Series by John Raguso is by far, one of the best I have read. It is not only useful and informative from a fishing standpoint, but is extremely interesting as general reading as well.

Would it be possible to include wrecks in the Long Island Sound as well in the series? I fish primarily in the Sound and would find any information on wrecks and their location extremely useful. *John Tighe.*

*Dear John,*

*We have contacted John and he has promised to explore the possibility of a similar series covering Long Island Sound wrecks. Glad you're enjoying the series. Many other Fisherman readers have written and called in praise of the outstanding job John has done. Sincerely,* Fred Golofaro.

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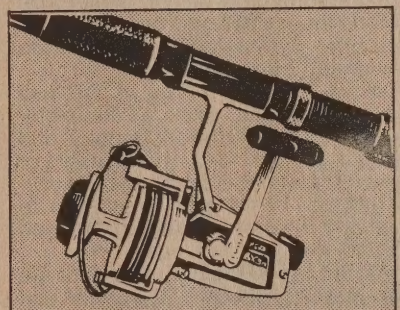

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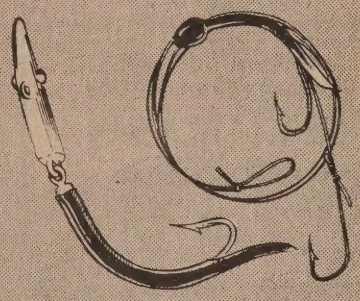

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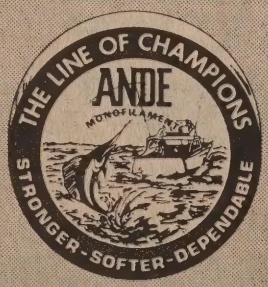


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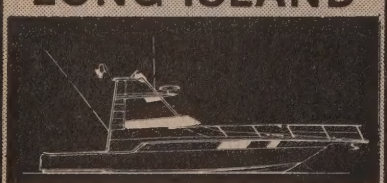

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# ★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

# SI-TEX 760 LORAN C

*by Pete Barrett*

The Si-Tex 760 is the latest in a family of "700" models that have been in use by thousands of fishermen/boaters for several years. Mention Loran to most small boaters who venture offshore and Si-Tex will pop into the conversation. The company was among the first to popularize and miniaturize Lorans for use by small boaters and is virtually synonymous with radio navigation equipment.

While the 760 is not in the tiny class of Lorans, such as its sister model 797, it offers more features and is small enough to fit on a console or steering station, even a tuna tower.

The face of the receiver is clear to read and the soft keypads make operation of the functions easy.

To the left of the number board are two display windows, an upper and lower. Liquid crystals are used to display the TD numbers, lat/long position and data from the COMPUNAV to show course, speed and other navigation information.

Below the windows is a string of LEDs bordered top and bottom with abbreviations for the various operation functions indicated by the LEDs. At the right end of this string are four (Shift) keypads that are used to move the indicator LEDs from one position to another as you operate the Loran's computer. The upper pair is known as (SHIFT 1), the lower pair (SHIFT 2).

Like all Lorans you must tell the 760 what area it will be operating in before it can help you navigate. Press the (ON) pad, then the left (SHIFT 1) to move the LED to the GRI position in the string of indicator lights. For our area press (9) (9) (6) (0) to enter the GRI for the Northeast area. The GRI 9960 numbers will now read in both display windows.

Press the right (Shift 1) to move the LED to the SEL position. All the usable TDs will now rotate in display every few seconds. To select the secondaries you want to use each time you turn the unit on, go to the number board, press (S1) to stop the top display at the 26000 number and (S2) to stop the lower display in the 43000 number.

Leave the unit in the SEL function until all the signal warning dots are no longer displayed. Press the right (Shift 1) to move the LED to the NORM position. The unit will now continue to display the pair of selected TDs. If you leave the NORM function to do other operations, simply move the LED back to NORM to again read the TDs of your present position.

After you use the 760 for the first time and "initialize" it for the GRI and

select the two best secondaries, it will automatically display everything correctly the next time you turn it on.

That's all there is to the basics, but most of us want to use Loran to navigate from place to place, say from the inlet to an offshore wreck or other good fishing area.

The number board and the (Shift) keys are used to put information into the Loran so it can then calculate course headings, speed, time to go and distance to go.

To run a course using the COMPUNAV operation you must put in a Way Point; the TDs for the place you want to get to. Look on a NOAA chart and read off the TDs that correspond to the place you want to go to. Write them down on a scrap of paper for a moment.

The Loran should be turned on with the LED in the NORM position. Press the lower (Shift) pad to move the LED to the WP position. Press the number board keypads for the two TDs, let's say (26000.0) and (43000.0), then press the (+/M) pad then two digits to number the waypoint, say (01) for waypoint number 1. That's it! The place you want to get to is stored in the computer's brain and is numbered for future reference as WP number 1.

The lower (Shift) keys will move the LEDs along the light string and program the Loran to display steering information. It can show you heading, speed, distance and time to go.

To use the COMPUNAV while running, first determine the course heading from the Loran. Begin to steer this course as you watch the compass. Use the lower (Shift) key to move the LED to the XTE position. The upper display will read "00" when you are on the course, "01" to "99" on the right when you have to steer to the right and "01" to "99" on the left if you should steer left. By watching the compass and the Loran you can steer a relatively straight course.

The Si-Tex 760 can do much more than this brief outline can describe, and this rundown of the simple operation of functions is just a guide to help you decide if this model of Loran is for you.

It served well in all kinds of weather and received signals well at all times except in one sudden thunderstorm when no Loran would work anyhow. It proved to be water resistant to the point of suffering through several heavy rains with no ill effects at all. The finish is durable and the light green/gray finish is pleasing to the eye and doesn't absorb heat from the sun.

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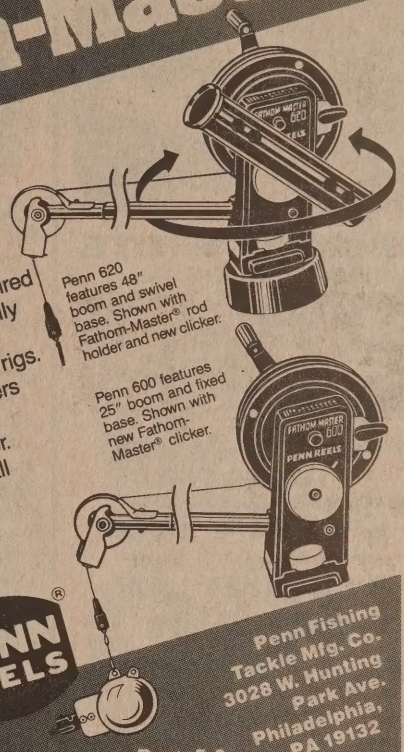

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# THE TACKLE DOCTOR

## by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have a 10 hp outboard motor which I use from July through September. I usually have a full six gallon tank and a half full six gallon tank left after the season ends.

Can this gas and oil mixture be kept over the winter for a period of nine or ten months and can it be used the following season without doing harm to the engine? *Robert Kemp.*

*Dear Robert,*

*You certainly can keep the gas/oil mixture through the winter and use it the following season. We keep our gas tank filled to the brim during winter storage so there is no condensation in the tank, and when spring arrives that is the gas we use on our first trip.*

*There is a commercially marketed chemical which "stabilizes" the gas and oil mix and keeps it fresh for months. Most marinas use the chemical when storing boats for the winter and it is available at boating supply, marinas and some sporting goods outlets through the state.*

*We've used the OMC 2X2 gas stabilizer for years without trouble and on our boat that means treating more than 100 gallons of gas. Our present rig, in fact, holds 200 gallons and it, too, will receive the treatment before being put into winter storage this winter.*

* * *

Dear Doc,

As a total newcomer to saltwater fishing (or any kind of fishing), I have some questions that none of the people I've talked to will answer. I am sure that you must know not everyone knows all of the things writer say. I am even in the dark when it comes to selecting sinkers, leaders and the hooks that are used for one kind of fish and not another. Where do those of us who are in the dark find out what it's all about? *Gene Nettles.*

*Dear Gene,*

*It takes a lot of experience to master all of the basics in fishing, or for that matter, any sport or endeavor you attempt. No one ever learned it all and that includes many of us who have fished most of our lives.*

*But, for openers, we'll try to clarify the sinker, leader and hook mystery. You do need different types of sinkers for various fishing situations. The pyramid style (pointed) is used when fishing bottom from the surf. The pointed shape of the sinker is designed to dig into the sandy bottom and to anchor your bait. The dipsey and bank sinkers, with their rounded shape, are utilized by anglers who drift fish. The rounded shape of the sinker is less likely to hang bottom and is a very effective sinker for fishing wrecks and other snag infested areas. The flat shaped sinker is used by many offshore anglers who seek codfish around the wrecks. This diamond shaped sinker is not as prone to hang up as are the rounded sinkers or the pyramid style.*

*Leaders are a must for some toothy critters. Bluefish carry the moniker of "chopper" for good reason. They possess a nasty set of dentures that can—and will—bite through monofilament like a hot knife through soft butter. You need some type leader that these fish cannot bite. Nylon covered cable, single strand wire or braided wire are normally employed by bluefishermen. Stiff mono leaders are helpful in keeping bottom rigs from tangling. The additional stiffness of the leader material keeps the hook from wrapping itself back upon the line and you'll catch more fish when using a leader since you spend less time untangling your rig. And, all fish put up some battle before being led to the net or gaff. The bitter end of your fishing line is subjected to more punishment than the remainder of your line and it is to your benefit to use a short leader to take this punishment. Also, excessive casting will cause line wear and by tying in a short section of stronger leader you will find fewer line breaks when applying extreme pressure during a cast.*

*As for hooks, each species of fish has an entirely different mouth structure. Some fish such as weaks, blues and striped bass are highly developed predators that attack and eat smaller fish by either biting them into pieces or by crushing them between their powerful jaws. A small hook just does not cut it when you are attempting to catch a fish that has a big mouth. By the same token, a winter flounder, with its tiny mouth and big lips cannot get a big hook into its mouth and in order to catch these fish you need to go with small hooks that can be taken inside the mouth by a hungry flounder. Using a small No. 1 short shank hook for sharks would be akin to shooting an elephant with a BB gun. You would not bring the elephant*

*down nor would you be very successful in your quest to catch a shark.*

*You will learn, in time, as we all have, the exact style and model hook that is effective when seeking each species of fish. It is a time consuming process, but a vital part of fishing successfully.*

* * *

Dear Doc,

I had a custom built 7 foot popping rod made for me by a local rod builder. He used a well known brand fiberglass blank and double-wrapped the guides, glued on a high quality reel seat of graphite material and made the handles from cork rings. It is a thing of beauty and well worth the money I paid to have it built. The blank is guaranteed for life, but the custom work is not included in the rod company's guarantee and that's where my problem starts.

I broke about five inches off the tip. I can even out the break and put a new, but larger, tip but I really feel that will kill the action of my prize rod. Is there another solution other than having the rod builder make a completely new rod from scratch?

*Gary Edwards.*

*Dear Gary,*

*I do hate to be the bearer of bad news, but you are in the same boat as many other sportsmen who own and use custom built tackle. The blanks are guaranteed by the company who manufactures them. The custom work is usually guaranteed by the rod crafter and the hardware, guides, reel seat, tiptop and handle are warranteed by the company that makes those items. When you lump them all together, you have several guarantees, none of which will ensure your having the entire rod guaranteed against breakage.*

*I would fit a new tip to the broken rod and even though it will be stiffer, it can be used. Then you might consider buying a commercially made rod or having another custom rod built. That way you'll at least get some use from your present custom outfit.*

*There are solutions. Some rod builders suggest putting a dowel in the blank to bolster it and then the broken portion is shoved over the dowel and the break is wrapped so it is not obvious. This stiffens the blank considerably and may make it lose most of the tip action. A break near center can be repaired by using the dowel and will not cause too much loss of flex, but when this method is used to repair a break near the tip it usually ruins the feel of the rod.*

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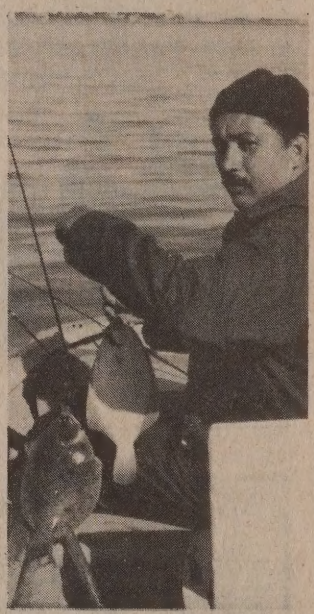

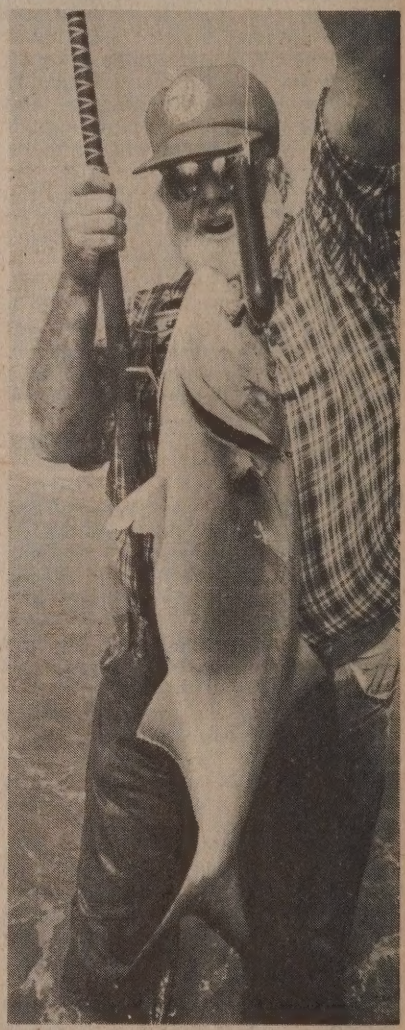

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# DOWNRIGGERS CAN SAVE THE DAY

## by Russ Wilson

**A growing number of inshore trollers are being swallowed up by the "downrigger revolution."**

It wasn't too many years ago we scoffed at the idea of using downriggers to catch saltwater game fish that were inhabiting mid-depth waters. The thought of cranking in the heavy weights after each hit from a bluefish was just too much work for a person fishing alone or a two-man operation where one person had to steer the boat and the second angler was forced to crank in fish, handle the downriggers and keep lines from tangling.

We did try the downriggers and on most trips they did produce fish that might not have been caught using wire or rod planers to carry our lures down to the fish. But, on several occasions, when fishing alone, we had the pleasure of attempting to untangle our fishing lines, fish and lures from the downrigger line which was a braided cable and attracted lures like dead fish draw flies on a hot summer day.

To say we were less than enthusiastic about downrigger fishing in saltwater may well have been the understatement of the year! Times change, products undergo advancement and new ideas are utilized by modern manufacturers. When we sold our Starcraft aluminum Mariner, we included the downriggers with the package and were satisfied we got the best of the deal. That was a half dozen years back and until this season we had no regrets.

Dick Kondak, well known big game fisherman and a very innovative angler at heart, clued us in on the downrigger revolution this past winter and since we were in the process of outfitting a brand new boat, we decided to follow his advice and install a couple of electric downriggers.

Our choice was the Cannon Digi-Troll model with a locking swivel base so we could use them in the offset position when trolling several lines. The positioning was easy to determine since our new boat was a center console and had two hatches located at either side of the stern. The wiring was placed under deck and a connection was drilled through the hull so we can remove the downriggers when not in use. It is a very workable arrangement and to use the downriggers, all we need do is tighten one nut and connect the power cable. When not in use, the downriggers are stored below deck or in one of the forward compart-

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**Great Lakes salmon and trout fishermen were quick to learn how effective downriggers were when seeking deep feeding salmonoids. Today, saltwater anglers are cashing in on the downrigger revolution.**

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ments.

The electrics do have some advantages over the standard models. If you fish alone, as we often do, it is a simple chore to press the automatic raise button when a fish strikes the lure and release the line from the holding clip. As you fight the fish the motor automatically retrieves the downrigger weight so there is no chance of your fishing line and fish becoming tangled in the downrigger line. This allows one person a chance to fish deep without worry of getting lines or lures tangled.

We do believe the electric downriggers have added substantially to our pleasure when trolling. The fact that lighter tackle can be utilized is certainly a plus for the angler who uses downriggers. On our boat, we carry a couple of "downrigger rods" that were originally designed for use when trolling the Great Lakes for trout and salmon. These long and limber graphite rods, matched with mid-size casting reels and 14 lb. test mono line, are ideal for trolling lures that appeal to deep feeding blues, bonito, false albacore or big weakfish that inhabit the middle range offshore waters.

Our present downrigger outfits consist of the Shimano 8' 6" ML 1853 Steelhead/Salmon rods, Bantam Mag 50 reels and 14 lb. test mono. Others use similar outfits produced by Daiwa and a lot of anglers now are discovering the Penn 920, 930 and 940 series of casting reels are perfectly suited to this type of deep water fishing with light tackle.

We have the 10 pound weights for our downriggers and they seem to be just about right. Others who have used this method of deep trolling say weights of up to 16 lbs. can be used, but for all-purpose trolling, the tens are about standard. This again, is a matter of personal preference, but you can use the ten pound as a starting point and go up or down from there.

We use only one line off each rigger but there are some line release setups that can be "stacked" so more than one lure can be fished off each rigger. On the Great Lakes anglers often stack two, three or even four lines, but in the ocean, I can visualize some horrendous tangles when a mad bluefish decides to get friendly with the other lines that are being trolled off the same weight.

The first week of June we had opportunity to troll some early run blues on the downriggers and must admit it was a lot more fun than catching those same fish with our usual wire line outfits. The lightweight rods allowed those two to four pound choppers a chance to put up a battle before being led to the boat and unceremoniously hoisted into the live well.

On that particular trip we used only spoons. The Daredevle in four inch size and the ever popular Squid Spoon in a #3 model was perfectly matched to the light tackle. We also tried coat hanger tube rigs, plugs and a couple of yellow and green nylons and caught fish with each. The tube rigs, which cause a commotion and give off an excessive amount of drag on the downrigger clips, required some adjustment to the clips, but other than that we had very good results on all of the lures we put into play while trolling 50 feet beneath the surface.

Trolling speed is a critical matter when fishing for most fresh or salt water species of fish. A lot of trollers know the exact RPms at which various lures perform to their maximum fish attracting level. If you happen to fall into this select group you can use the same system (RPMs to determine correct lure speed). However, if you are one of those who checks the action of each lure as it is dropped into the wake, you will probably have to keep the downrigger weights near the surface until you see how the lures perform and then drop down to the level at which the fish are feeding. Once you see how the lures are working you can check the tachometer and then troll at that exact speed.

Sea conditions will vary throughout the day and anyone who hopes to become proficient at downrigger fishing must be constantly alert to changes in wind direction, tidal movement or water depths. Let's say you are fishing a pronounced patch of broken bottom and the fish are staying at 35 to 40 feet. You set the downriggers so the lures are running at fish eye level and keep the boat moving along at the pre-determined speed, but in the amount of time that passes from start to present you may notice a brisk easterly breeze is causing the boat to move slower; or maybe the strong south tide dictates a little more speed when moving to the south, but a slower pace when moving north with the tide.

Each situation demands a different approach and the fishermen who catch 90 percent of the fish are aware that it pays to change with conditions. As an example, when we troll the middle range areas we constantly scan the chart recorder for bottom contour variations. A steep dropoff means we must allow the downrigger weights to go deeper and a sharp rise in the bottom alerts us to the fact that we should bring the lures higher so they do not hang bottom as we pass over the ridge or lump.

This is where those electric riggers really shine. All we need do is press the bottom and the motor will lift the lures or drop them down to whatever depth we wish. After passing the dropoff or ridge, we simply return the weights to the normal depth and continue running without any break in the action.

There are hundreds of downrigger weight release gadgets and all will get the job done. Some are, however, more applicable to deep water trolling than others. We are using the release clips that are produced by Cannon

and find they are adequate for the type of mid-depth trolling we normally do when seeking weaks, blues or striped bass. As previously stated, we use only one or two rods when trolling deep and the Cannon clips are set up to handle only one line at a time. When a fish grabs the line the line snaps free of the release and you can continue the fight with whatever kind of tackle you have chosen for that particular trip.

The Roamer Releases allow one line per release, but you can stack them at varying intervals above the downrigger weight. Some of the Great Lakes salmon trollers use as many as four lines off each of their downriggers so they can effectively fish several different depths without raising or lowering the weight. We find, however, when fishing saltwater that most of the fish we seek will inhabit the same depths and our single lure is seen by any fish that are feeding at that specific depth.

Other downrigger weights utilize a clip that snaps into the weight and pops free when a fish hits. This is the arrangement we had with our original downriggers and it worked fine provided we remembered to twist the line a few times before inserting the clip into the slot of the downrigger weight. If we did forget to make those few twists the line could—and did—slide back and forth through the release clip until the lure came to rest against the downrigger weight where it was ignored by the fish we hoped to catch.

By adjusting the tension on the release clip you dictate how much pressure must be applied by the fish before the line will snap free. Bigger fish such as tuna and false albacore will require a much tighter setting while blues or tender mouthed weakfish demand a light touch or they will be lost when hooks tear free of their jaw.

The best way to learn just how tight the release clip should be is through trial and error. We've had fish smack the lure, knock it free from the release and not get hooked in the process and we've also had fish grab the lure, get hooked and not give enough pressure to yank the line clear of the clip. Only through using the downriggers under varying fishing conditions can you determine just how tight or loose to set the releases. That's why it pays to experiment with a variety of lures, trolling speeds and different species of fish.

We do not leave our regular wire line outfits at home nor do we forget the rod planers that have brought us so many fish in past seasons. The downriggers are but one more way to increase the odds and any fisherman would do well to make sure he (or she) has at least one or two of these deep water trolling marvels mounted on the boat. Quite often the fish, especially during midday when the sun is at its zenith, will be too deep for your wire line or rod planers and this is where the downriggers will pay for themselves very quickly.


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# ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

# THE GULFTRADE

## by John Raguso

Captain Torger Olsen, master of the tanker Gulftrade, had departed from Port Arthur, Texas with a full 80,000-plus gallon load of fuel oil in her storage tanks. After rounding the Florida peninsula, he hugged the Atlantic Coast as he headed north towards New York Harbor. In accordance with U.S. Navy policy, he steamed without running lights in an attempt to slip by the prowling U-Boat Wolfpacks that were creating havoc with Allied shipping along the Atlantic Seaboard.

The Gulftrade, owned by the Gulf Oil Corporation, was making 10½ knots as she passed Barnegat Inlet on her port side late the night of March 9, 1942. She was only 42 miles south of Ambrose Light, her final destination. It was at that moment that Captain Olsen made a fatal mistake that would doom his ship. Due to a rough sea and the proximity of several large vessels, he gave the order to flash the Gulftrade's running lights to avoid a collision, thinking he was safe from the Wolfpack's bite. Only moments after this decision, his optimism was doused by a German torpedo that hit the Gulftrade amidships and split her completely in two. Residents of Barnegat City, New Jersey and other small communities along the barrier beach were awakened by the blast and saw the pillar of flame that resulted from the Gulftrade's cargo of fuel oil igniting from the blast. Fortunately for those aboard, the heavy sea whipped by a strong southwest wind rolled over both halves of the striken tanker and extinguished the fire before it did much damage.

**The bow section of the Gulftrade rests in little more than fifty feet of water. Some big sea bass haunt its skeletal remains.**

The Gulftrade's radio room and one of her four lifeboats had been demolished in the explosion. The 18 men who were in the forward section of the ship piled into a lifeboat and disappeared into the darkness, never to be heard from again. Captain Olsen and six other crewmen were able to escape in the remaining aft lifeboat, but nine members of the crew decided to take a chance that the stern would stay afloat until help could come. Half an hour after the skipper and his companions took to their boat they were picked up by a rescue vessel that had seen the burst of flame that followed the torpedoing. The men who remained aboard the stern section of the tanker were taken off a few hours later after they had attracted the attention of another rescue vessel by blinking a flashlight.

According to a New York Times interview with Captain Olsen after he was rescue, he described the attack on the Gulftrade. "The third mate had come down to my cabin to report some vessels steaming near our position. I told him to put the lights on. I saw we were up to Barnegat and I thought they shouldn't be able to get us now any more. I made a mistake."

He was in his cabin studying a chart when the Gulftrade trembled from stern to stern. "I looked out and saw flames shooting up to the top of the mast," Captain Olsen said, explaining that the mast towered over 96 feet high. He states that a large wave swept over the broken ship at that moment and put the fire out. He found that the Gulftrade had been split in two by the blast of the single torpedo, and that he was on the stern section with 15 other men.

Guy F. Chadwick, chief engineer of the Gulftrade, and L.E. Porter, a wiper, both of Port Arthur, Texas described the experiences of the men who stayed on board the stern section of the tanker. They said that they huddled behind barrels, in fear that the German submarine would come to the surface and machine gun or shell

them.

One young seaman, Leonard Smith of Port Arthur, became so nervous that he wanted to jump into the frigid water. He was fearful that the stern would sink and carry them down with it. Chadwick stated, "I argued with him. I said let's stick with the ship as long as she'll stick with us. I reminded him that the water was pretty cold. That worked. He's a game kid, and so were all the other men with us.

"We could see the bow section drifting off but we knew there were no men on it," Chadwick said. "Nobody said much at all. We all just sat around on the deck and smoked. When the rescue boat showed, I never saw anything that looked so good in my life. I hollered as much as the kids."

Army and Navy planes and patrol vessels scoured the vicinity of the torpedoing for hours after it was reported, in the vain hope of locating the 18 men who abandoned ship from the forward section of the tanker, but they were presumed to have perished in the rough March seas. The Nazi undersea raider also slipped through the defense net and escaped to fight another day. The deserted bow section of the Gulftrade drifted to a point about six miles from Barnegat City, where it grounded in 54 feet of water and was plainly visible from shore. It protruded enough above the water to enable partial salvage of her cargo of fuel oil. It was later blasted by the Army Corps of Engineers to eliminate it as a hazard to navigation. The stern section of the tanker drifted aimlessly for awhile after the attack and finally went to the bottom in 80 feet of water, where it rests relatively intact about 13½ nautical miles ENE of Barnegat Inlet. The stern section of the Gulftrade is located approximately 10½ nautical miles NE of the bow's position on the ocean floor.

From a fishing perspective, the Gulftrade's various sections provide slightly different opportunities. The bow portion which rests relatively inshore in 54 feet of water, should produce ling, whiting, blackfish, sea bass, small to mid-sized bluefish and large fluke in season. The doormat fluke are an interesting twist to the mix of species available at this wreck, but it seems to make sense. The bow of the Gulftrade is only a short skip from Barnegat Inlet, and would seem to be a logical stopover point for the big flatfish as they migrate from the inlets to their wintering grounds on the Continental Shelf. The wreck provides shelter for concentrated numbers of small baitfish and therefore, supplies the amount of forage the oversized fluke need for their arduous journey.

According to divers' reports, the stern section of Gulftrade is totally intact and as such, provides an ideal habitat for some larger ocean species of fish. Cod have been known to frequent this wreck, in addition to king-sized sea bass and blackfish. Since this structure rests near the 15 fathom curve which parallels New Jersey's eastern border, you can expect to come across marauding packs of green bonito, false albacore and skipjack tuna from late July through October, as well as the ever present bluefish, but in a slightly larger package than its inshore brothers.

Next week, we're going to slide about 45 miles south along the Jersey Coast to investigate another by-produce of the U-Boat menace that was sent to the bottom only two days before the Gulftrade met its demise: the wreck of the Brazilian Steamship Cayru.

# THE GULFTRADE
## Vital Statistics

*Date Sunk:* March 10, 1942
*Length:* 423 feet
*Beam:* 59 feet
*Weight:* 6,776 tons
*Cargo:* 81,223 barrels of bunker "C" oil
*Construction:* Steel
*Depth of Water:* Stern — 80 feet; Bow — 54 feet
*Depth Over Wreck:* Stern — 48 feet; Bow — 42 feet
*Lat/Lon Position:* Stern — 39-49-30 N/73-50-00 W;
Bow — 39-43-42 N/74-01-18
*Loran C Position:* Stern — 26820.5/43318.2;
Bow — 26886.9/43260.6

### COMMUTER COURSES — STERN

| Port | Distance (Nautical Miles) | Heading (Magnetic) To | From |
|---|---|---|---|
| Absecon Inlet | 39.0 | 055° | 235° |
| Little Egg Inlet | 30.5 | 059° | 239° |
| Beach Haven Inlet | 28.5 | 059° | 239° |
| Barnegat Inlet | 13.3 | 083° | 263° |
| Manasquan Inlet | 18.7 | 163° | 343° |
| Shark River Inlet | 23.1 | 171° | 351° |
| Sandy Hook | 39.6 | 182° | 002° |
| Rockaway Inlet | 43.2 | 186° | 006° |
| Debs Inlet | 45.9 | 197° | 017° |
| Jones Inlet | 47.0 | 207° | 027° |
| Fire Island Inlet | 53.5 | 219° | 039° |

### COMMUTER COURSES — BOW

| Port | Distance (Nautical Miles) | Heading (Magnetic) To | From |
|---|---|---|---|
| Absecon Inlet | 30.7 | 057° | 237° |
| Little Egg Inlet | 23.0 | 062° | 242° |
| Beach Haven Inlet | 21.0 | 062° | 242° |
| Barnegat Inlet | 7.8 | 117° | 297° |
| Manasquan Inlet | 22.7 | 181° | 001° |
| Shark River Inlet | 27.5 | 186° | 006° |
| Sandy Hook | 45.2 | 191° | 011° |
| Rockaway Inlet | 48.7 | 192° | 012° |
| Debs Inlet | 52.0 | 202° | 022° |
| Jones Inlet | 54.5 | 211° | 031° |
| Fire Island Inlet | 61.1 | 220° | 040° |

# STATEN ISLAND FLUKE SPOTS

## by Tony Somma

**From shore or boat, Staten Island provides summer flounder fans with an abundance of options.**

Staten Islanders interested in a day's sport with fluke, will find their best opportunities along the Island's south shore. Fishermen searching for summer flounder either from boats or the beach can be at their favorite spot and fishing within an hour. Anglers who prefer to fish from shore are within a half hour's drive from any point on the Island to their favorite south shore beach, jetty or inlet.

Fluke stay in the shallow waters off of the Island's beaches from June through September. They are caught on killies, spearing, sand eels, small snappers, squid strips and fluke belly. I prefer using live killies for most of my local fluking. As an added attraction, blues invade these beaches during the summer, chasing bunker and other baitfish into shallow water where they are often caught on fluke rigs. Knowledgeable anglers bring along a second outfit to take advantage of this action and are ready to strike when blues blitz the beach. Fishing is good through all tidal stages. Even though the water gets very shallow at low tide, you still catch fluke. I find fluke caught in shallow water put up a better fight than those caught in deeper water. When caught in shallow water, fluke have nowhere to go and run from side to side attempting to get free.

Traveling from east to west along the Island's south shore, the landlocked angler first comes to South Beach, then Midland, New Dorp and Oakwood Beaches. These are sandy beaches with numerous storm sewers, rotten pilings and jetties. Fluke are caught along the open beach where you'll find the action slow and relaxed. If you want a little more activity, you'll find it at the obstructions where there is always a better chance at upping your score. You'll not only catch fluke in these areas, but in season you'll also find flounder, sand porgies, sea bass, snappers, tinker mackerel, weakfish, bluefish, blackfish and striped bass.

Continuing west from Oakwood Beach you'll come to Great Kills Park where bathers and fishermen share the beach. The beach's eastern end begins at a mud flat which is exposed at low tide. Here surfcasters search for bass and weakfish. Although I've never fished for fluke here, I don't see why they could not be caught. The next and shortest section of beach traveling west is used for bathers and is not open to fishermen. The remainder of Great Kills Park Beach, the lion's share, is open to fishermen. The beach terminates at the Crookes Point jetty where you'll find most of the action. to park at Crookes Point a pass is required which can be obtained from the National Park Police Headquarters at the foot of New Dorp Lane in Miller Field. During the day, you'll find occasional fluke fishermen along the beach. Almost everyone who fishes the Park will fish the Great Kills Harbor channel which is just a stone's throw from Crookes Point jetty and beach. Fish are caught off the channel edges during all tidal stages, but outgoing tide is best. During the ebb, game fish bunch up at the harbor entrance to feed on baitfish washed out of the harbor. If you fish the channel edge from either the jetty or beach, you are in the right place. Be prepared for anything. It's not uncommon to see fluke, blues and an occasional weakfish or bass taken from the channel.

As we continue along the coast we find the Hugenot and Princess Bay beaches which terminate at Lemon Creek. The creek presents conditions similar to those found at the entrance to Great Kills Harbor and should be investigated. Continuing west we next come to the beaches off Carmen and Arbutus Avenues and to the beaches of Tottenville. The beaches west of Great Kills Park are mostly sandy with some rocky areas. In addition to the Lemon Creek Jetty, there are some very productive looking storm sewers, old piers and rock piles along this stretch of beach. From time to time I've heard reports of blues, stripers and fluke caught from the area. The area is under-utilized and fishing reports are sketchy at best. The Island's bait shops are aware of when and where the fluke move in and will be more than willing to provide you with bait and all the information you'll need to select a productive section of shoreline.

Anglers not satisfied with fishing the beaches resort to either party or private boats. Starting late last fall, party boats no longer sail from Great Kills Harbor. Shoals Dock was sold to a private developer who is rebuilding the docks for private use. Since I can't say anything good about the project, I won't say anything at all. It hurts to see an institution that helped create so many fond memories disappear. The way it looks now, we will never again see party boats sailing from Great Kills Harbor. The party boats that remain on the Island now sail from Tottenville and Bay Street Landing. Check local papers and bait shops for sailing times and species sought.

Boats searching for fluke are within a half hour's run of some of the most productive fishing grounds in New York/New Jersey waters, Raritan Bay and Lower New York Bay. I refer to the combined bays as Raritan Bay. When Princess Bay is not producing, there's always New Dorp Beach, Chapel Hill, the Islands (Hoffman and Swinburne), Old Orchard, Tottenville or Sandy Hook.

Most boats never venture far from the Island's shoreline. Staten Island boats travel to deeper offshore areas only when the action slows up at their favorite haunts. This usually occurs in August when the waters close to shore reach their highest temperatures (over 80 degrees) and cause the fish to scatter throughout Raritan Bay.

My records for the last 8 years show that with the exception of 1983, fluke have been pretty consistent as to when they arrive, where they take up residence, when they pack up and leave, and in what they eat. Last year (1984) was noteworthy for what I hope is a permanently improved fishery, for the vast number of shorts caught and for a change in our finned friend's eating habits. Before I get into where and when fluke are caught, I want to take a few minutes to make you aware of another almost common occurrence. Anyone fishing Raritan Bay should be prepared to fish for game fish chasing bait when the opportunity presents itself. While drifting for fluke it is not uncommon to be invaded by blues chasing bunker schools. I believe in taking advantage of all opportunities and always have a rod rigged with a jig for surface feeding fish. If you are fishing from a party boat and can't bring another rod, at least have a jig available and be ready to change over when the

opportunity presents itself. While fishing off Princess Bay last year, I saw the peaceful Viking (one of the Island's party boats) surrounded by feeding blues. A bunker school moved around her hull for protection and stood there for a few minutes keeping the blues within reach of fishermen who switched to jigs. Those calm, contented fluke fishermen who were ready, had a couple of minutes of frantic action that was a thrill to watch.

Off Staten Island's shores, the first fluke are caught by flounder fishermen in mid-May. The fish tend to be on the small side, but I do remember catching a few three and four pounders in past years. Fluke generally make their initial appearance in waters close to shore. Flounder fishermen fishing off Princess Bay or between the islands and South Beach usually see one or two fluke boated. At this time of year fluke are in the shallow warmer waters along the beach. The best baits are fluke belly, squid, spearing and killies if you can get any.

As May progresses into June, the fishing improves. Half day trips produce all the fish I want to catch. During June I usually fish a little off the beach near Princess Bay's buoy 4. Drifts between Buglight 20 and buoy 4 in any direction usually produce fish. If the action's not to my liking after a few drifts, I move a short distance and fish the edges of the Raritan Reach Channel. Every once in awhile, I'll have to move a little further toward Sandy Hook and fish the junction of the Raritan Reach and Chapel Hill Channels or inshore of Old Orchard Light. Where the fish are found is a function of temperature. When water temperatures rise to the mid-60s, smaller fish move close to the beaches and larger fish move into deeper waters. Last year the number of shorts caught close to shore was unbelievable. One Wednesday my father and I caught well over 100 fish in four hours and only had fourteen keepers. Those who like to catch and release fish had almost non-stop action. Remember, some larger fish are also caught close to shore so you won't go home empty-handed. However, most of the larger fluke are found off Raritan Reach Channel and around Chapel Hill.

In July, water temperatures continue to rise. Smaller fish stay close to the beaches while the main body of larger fish continue moving into deeper, cooler water and bunch up along the channels. Princess Bay, between the islands and South Beach and inshore of Old Orchard are almost void of larger fish although there never seems to be a shortage of shorts. Around this time of year, I like to fish inside of Sandy Hook Bay. Short drifts from inside the Hook across the Ammunition Pier Channel produce some of the most hectic and rewarding fishing of the year. Although I prefer Sandy Hook, it's not necessary to travel that far because larger fish also take up residence in the deeper waters of the Raritan Reach Channel and between Old Orchard and Chapel Hill.

When we don't catch fish in Sandy Hook Bay, I'll try fishing outside the hook along either Sandy Hook or Ambrose Channels. The concentration of Sheepshead Bay and Atlantic Highland party boats will show the weekend angler where the fish have bunched up. Other productive spots to try are Chapel Hill, West Bank or Romer Shoals. Depending where the fish are, I usually fish these areas through August and into early September. When water temperatures begin to decrease around early or mid-September, larger fish return to the shallow bay waters and harbor entrances to fatten up for their offshore migration. In past years, fishing around Hoffman and Swinburne Islands, Princess Bay and Sandy Hook

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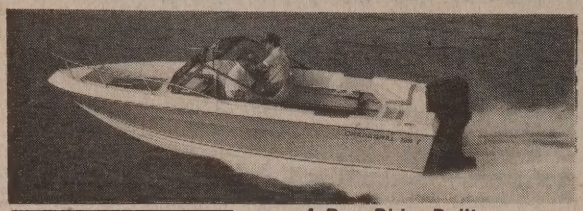

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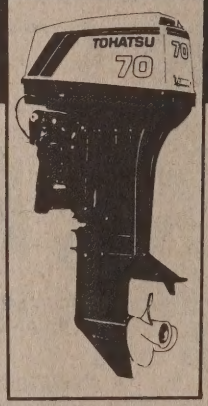

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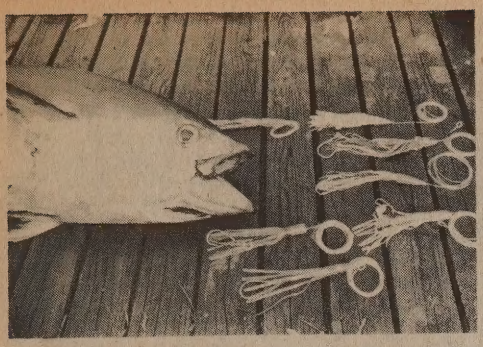
As water temperatures cool to the mid-60s in late September, fluke start to move out of Raritan Bay into the deeper waters at the tip of Sandy Hook on the Tin Can Grounds. Last year, fishing was just fair for boats that stayed close to shore. Those that ran to Sandy Hook or the Can had catches of 10 to 15 keepers per man. During 1984, I caught fluke in the approaches to New York Harbor up until the last week of October. Unfortunately, I had to go away on business and the Noreen E was taken out of the water. I heard reports of fluke still being caught up until the second week of November.

Well, so much for when and where our finned friends appear. Here's a rundown of the baits that were successful in the past and will hopefully continue to produce.

Surprisingly, during 1984, single baits outproduced combinations. Killies on most trips produced best while fishing close to shore in up to 20 feet of water. Sand eels and spearing were equally productive over open bottom in depths over 20 feet. During the fall, snappers, either in strips or whole, were tremendous producers and well worth the time required to catch them. In the late summer we came across one of the best baits we've ever used. One day we lost our killie pot while going from one spot to another. Refrigerated bait did not produce at all. You probably know what that feels like—a million fish in the ocean and without the right bait you can't catch one. In desperation we tried using soft shell calico crabs that had been spit up by some of the fish we already caught. The crabs caught fish like crazy that day and every other time we were able to use them. It didn't seem to matter what condition the crabs were in. As long as you could keep a crab on the hook it caught fish. As I said earlier, 84 was an exception. In most prior years combinations of either killies or sand eels with squid or fluke belly strips outproduced single baits. During '84, single baits constantly outproduced combinations. God only knows what will work in '85, but it's wise to be prepared and take as many different baits on each trip that you can. I usually bring at least four: killies, sand eels, spearing and squid or fluke belly.

As I write this I have expectations of this year being as good as and even better than last. The large body of small fish that invaded Raritan Bay last year will have had another six or seven months to grow. They will hopefully migrate back to Raritan Bay as at least 16 inch fish. I hope they have been eating well wherever they have been wintering over and they make it past the commercial draggers on the trip back to Raritan Bay.



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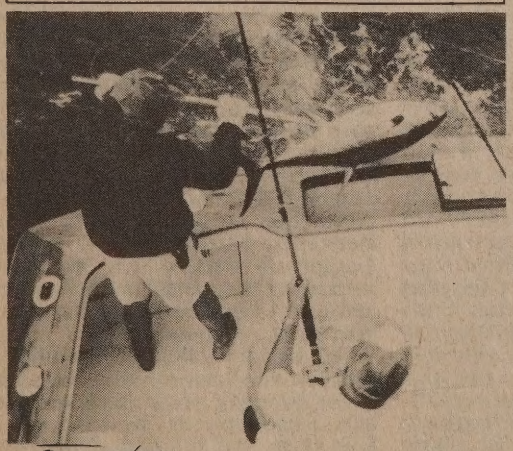

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# BAITING & RIGGING FOR SHARKS

## by Al Ristori

Of all the big game fish we seek in local offshore waters, sharks are the easiest to tempt with natural baits. At times, it's almost too easy to hook them, but I still hear anglers complaining of not being able to hook sharks that enter their chum slicks—and I have encountered that problem a couple of times over the years. Just as is the case with any other fish, sharks have their moments. So let's take a closer look at the baiting and rigging technique that might make a difference for you during that prime late summer and early fall fishing.

My personal theory of shark baiting has always been to keep it simple. I rarely fish anything but fillets, and there are a couple of reasons for doing so. The first and most convincing for me is that I've rarely seen a shark refuse such an offering. A second reason is that the lack of bony structure means that your hook should penetrate every time. Of course, there's one other reason that I'm a little reluctant to note: I'm just lazy enough to take the easy way out in baiting, and fillets are just about the simplest baits you can put over the side!

My preferred method of using fillets is to put them on the hook back to back with the meat side out. The hook is placed right at the head of the fillet and in the middle of that top portion, just far enough below the edge that there's enough skin to hold it. The fillets must flow naturally and not spin in the water. Don't try to run the hok through time and again as that will rujin the action of the fillets in the water.

The juices from good oily fillets cut from mackerel or bunkers are an attraction in themselves, but fillets will "wash out" over a period of time and should be changed every hour or so. Bluefish are also effective when filleted. If you feel that you'll do better with a hook placement a bit further back in a long bluefish fillet, leave a long tag end on your haywire twist when rigging your hook. Stick that piece of wire through the top of the fillet and place the hook further into the fillet, making sure that the fillet lays out naturally. Then hook th that tag end around the standing part of the wire leader. Big bluefish fillets will lay out better in the water if you slice them down the middle and make two narrower fillets out of them.

There are probably many experienced shark fishermen reading this article who can recall many instances of sharks passing up fillets to take a whole mackerel or other such attractive bait. I, too, have seen the same thing happen time and again while fishing with friends. However, my theory is that any shark which enters my slick and has any intention of eating at all will take whatever bait is offered. If he can pick out a live bait or a nice big mackerel or bluefish, he may well select that over a simple fillet. Yet, if it's only fillets he sees, I very much doubt that he'll turn his nose up at them. To be sure, there may be some exceptions with very large sharks (such as great whites) which have become oriented to feeding on only very large fish or mammals. Nevertheless, I suspect that you can fish for quite some time before you'll run into a shark which just won't bother with a fillet if it's interested in eating at all.

The big advantage of the fillet is that you don't have to give big dropbacks or worry about hook penetration. I generally let the shark run a few yards, but it's also effective to fish in gear and hook up right away. Sharks rarely play with fillets. By hooking them quickly you'll avoid most swallowed baits and be able to release unwanted sharks in good condition. After all, while all of us seek out makos, the vast majority of sharks we actually catch over the

season are species that we really don't want to eat. All of these should be tagged and released to provide action another day and their survival is almost assured if they aren't gut-hooked.

Time and again over the years, I've seen sharks lost on large baits after a considerable period of time only to find the mangled bait on the hook point. It was just such an occurrence that almost cost Brielle skipper Dave Masterjohn quite a few thousand dollars in June, 1983. During the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers Tournament, Dave hooked a big mako on a whole mackerel. The fish jumped once and went down, only to spit the bait. Within minutes, I saw the mako not far astern and threw some chum in that direction. I then slipped a mackerel fillet over the side and had the fish hooked very shortly thereafter. That 313 pounder took third place and won the pool for biggest mako of the day, but it was almost lost because of the big bait that prevented good hook penetration.

I've never felt that fillets are necessarily the best baits, but they are simple and effective. A live bait is even better and hook-ups aren't usually a problem because the hook can be left completely exposed by placing it just under the skin in back of the bait's head. Whenever possible, I fish live baits—but it's no longer a simple matter of just dropping a bait to bottom wherever you drift in order to obtain a suitable shark attractor. Back in the mid-1960s before the Russian trawlers arrived, ling and whiting were so abundant that they could be found scattered over ocean bottom just about anywhere we went sharking offshore of Long Island. Unfortunately, that's no longer the case. We now work the bottom for hours and still often come up with nothing.

A live bait has some advantage in that it sends off distress vibrations which can act as an additional attraction for sharks. Though their eyesight may leave something to be desired, sharks have a very acute sense of both smell and feeling. They can pick up the scent of a chum line from great distances, and also those distress vibrations. Some anglers have experimented with various underwater noisemakers and found them to be effective shark attractors. Of course, the practice of creating vibrations with firecrackers and firearms has been widespread for years, though I've always questioned the effectiveness of such antics—which appear to be more for the benefit of bored anglers than for attracting sharks.

How to position baits is also a matter of opinion that varies with every skipper. As a rule of thumb, I've always placed one line about 100 feet or so from the boat and at about half the depth of water, with a second line at about 50 feet and one-quarter the depth. A third line is fished close to the boat and just out of sight. Whereas the two outer lines get the back-to-back fillets, I fish the inner one with a single fillet. The reason for that is the fact that I'm usually working that one with 20 or 30 pound tackle and using a smaller hook that will penetrate easily but also can get lost in a double fillet. Surprisingly, that line next to the boat catches a lot of fish.

Early this summer, when shark fishing off Montauk was very picky, I made a long run to the southwest with my Mako 25 "Sheri Berri" in order to search out a makor for Al Engle and his charter party from Edison, New Jersey. A lack of wind defeated us in the morning, and I made a slight change in area just before a little breeze came up. Within an hour, that rod fished close to the boat bent over and Al set the hook on a mako that flew out of the water just yards away. On the 30 pound outfit the 203 lb. mako fought a spirited battle for 45 minutes. It was the only shark of the day, but a memorable one on that tackle! Going for the "home run" with 80s is the best way to put sharks in the boat, but there's no thrill involved in reeling the vast majority of sharks hooked virtually "through the guides" with such gear.

On another occasion some years ago, I was fishing one of those dead calm days which are the worst thing that can happen to a shark fishermen. It took just about 10 minutes simply to get the floats away from the boat, and my wife, Kathy, was fishing the floatless rod with a single bunker fillet hanging right under the boat. When we finally did get a hit, it was that rod which got it—and the fish turned out to be a 99½ lb. white marlin!

While most sharks that enter chum slicks can be tempted into eating something, the fussiest of local sharks are those small hammerheads that arrive every summer. They may not be smart, but they sure are leader shy. Frequently, they'll feed in a chum slick just like a bluefin tuna—eating everything in sight except the hooked bait. The solution is to eliminate the long wire leader and go to a small hook with Steelon leader—just like a bluefish chumming hook. Throw a bunch of chunks at a time and follow with the bait so that it will sink into the chunks at the time the hammerhead reaches them. As soon as you see him take the bait, strike right away or he'll spit it right out. Naturally, you're at a big disadvantage with the short leader, but the hammerheads are just for sport in any case and should be tagged and released.

There are as many theories about shark baiting and rigging as there are shark fishermen, and they're all correct if they work for you. My comments are based on my own experience and are in no way intended to prove anyone else's methods to be faulty or less effective. If you're just starting out, keep an open mind and try everything before deciding what's best for you.


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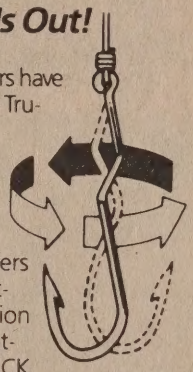

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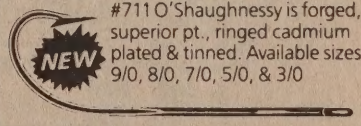


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# LAKE RONKONKOMA ELECTRO SHOCK STUDY

## *by Tom Schlichter*

I watched from shore in eager anticipation as Charlie Guthrie, a senior aquatic biologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, maneuvered the large boat inside and outside the protuding branches of a medium sized tree which hung over and into the waters of Lake Ronkonkoma about 100 yards from the state launching site at the east end of Victory Drive. On the bow stood Fish and Wildlife technicians Bruce Cronemeyer and Diana Morcerf, poised with long handled nets ready to scoop up any fish which they might see.

I had been invited by the DEC as an observer while agents ran an electroshock study to help determine the size, health, and balance of the fish population of Lake Ronkonkoma. The results of this testing, combined with the results of other studies currently under way would help DEC officials make decisions necessary to help keep the quality of fishing on the big lake up to par. Excited, I followed the boat along the shoreline hoping to get a few good pictures. I had heard much about the electroshocking process from other fishermen on the lake and at various gatherings and based on these rumors, I half expected to see masses of shocked fish floating to the surface, unconscious and barely breathing. Charlie Guthrie assured me, however, that this would most certainly not be the case. In contrast, the whole procedure was rather unspectacular and most of the information that I had gathered via the grapevine proved to be off base.

**DEC staffers collect "stunned" specimens during electroshock survey of Lake Ronkonkoma.**

As Charlie pulled the craft around to the northern side of the tree, Diana plunged in her net and scooped up a 15 inch largemouth bass. While Charlie and Bruce cheered over the droning sound of the boat's specialized gear, Diana unceremoneously dumped the bass into the boat's livewell. The fish would be "processed" when the boat returned to the dock roughly fifteen minutes later. The crew then continued on its way along the western shoreline, heading toward the Bavarian Inn.

Anglers fishing on the waters of Lake Ronkonkoma during the last two weeks in May may have noticed this strange-looking boat working the shallow depths along the shoreline during the evening hours. The most noticeable difference between this boat and others on the lake are the large fluorescent lights and the three large poles protruding forward from its bow. Each pole also sports several short rods which serve as electrodes. These dangle vertically, half submerged. An electrical charge is generated by a small motor inside the boat and transported via these rods to the water where it temporarily stuns the fish, allowing them to be scooped up by the forward netters. All the captured fish are held in a large livewell until the boat heads back to shore. Here, each fish is measured and weighed. This information is then recorded in a DEC log book.

The electrical field, which runs continually, extends completely around the boat and roughly 5 to 8 feet on either side of the electrodes. The exact size of the field varies to a degree based on the conductivity and temperature of the water. The amount of electricity used to stun the fish, 200 volts (6½ amps) is enough to kill a man if he happened to fall overboard while the current was actually flowing. As a safety precaution, each of the three DEC officers on the boat stand on a release button. Should any of the three lift a foot from the button, the electric current is immediately broken. This way, should anything unexpected occur, everyone will be safe from what otherwise might be a terribly shocking experience.

Despite the damage this electrical charge might do to a human, the effects felt by the fish are only temporary, lasting a matter of minutes. For the most part, the fish are not truly knocked out. Instead, they are stunned just to the point where they lose their equilibrium. This causes them to swim on their side which makes them much more visible to the netters. As the boat slowly moves over the water, the netters look over the sides and bow until they see the flash of a fish floundering about. As soon as they get close enough, the nets are lowered and the fish scooped. Because most fish are still able to swim to a degree, the netter must be quick and accurate or the fish will escape to the bottom or outside the electrical field where it quickly recovers. Luckily for the conservation officers, the stunned fish seem to be attracted to the positive ions which are located on the outside poles. This means that fish stunned near the edge of the electrical field actually have a tendency to swim in toward the front of the boat!

Larger fish generally receive a stronger shock than smaller fish and thus are more frequently knocked out. The reason for this according to Charlie Guthrie is because fish are better conductors of electricity than is water. As the current enters the water it looks for the best conductors and thus finds the fish. The longer a fish is, the more current which can travel through its body and thus, the greater the shock. Eels are almost always completely knocked out while small bass and panfish are sometimes only slightly stunned.

Most of this fishing is performed near shallow water and almost always close to the shoreline. The reasons for this are twofold. First, the field effect of the electricity extends downward only about eight feet. When used in deeper water, many fish escape underneath the current. Secondly, the cloudiness of most Long Island lakes obscures fish stunned in more than a few feet of water making test there impractical.

The DEC "shocks" Lake Ronkonkoma once each spring as a part of a statewide study sponsored by New York State. This program is run in conjunction with the fishing diary program which Charlie heads. The study is now in its eighth year. So far, the largest bass taken in the study weighed about 7 lbs. Most bass, however, range between 1 to 4 lbs. The most unusual fish taken so far this year was a 26 inch tiger muskie.

"There has been pretty good agreement between the fishing diary and electroshocking results. Together, they are a pretty reliable indicator of the lake community," according to Mr. Guthrie. "From the data we have gathered so far, it seems that the lake is more stable now than it was at the start of the program."

Lake Ronkonkoma is not the only Long Island body of freshwater tested in this manner. Fort Pond, Fresh Pond, and Big Reed Pond, are also tested each spring.

The results of this year's study have not as yet been completed, but when they are, I'll be sure to pass them along. For now, anglers working Lake Ronkonkoma might want to note that under the watchful eye of the DEC, should continue to be one of the Island's best bass spots. And as a parting tip, let me just tell you that the stretch of shoreline from the Seven Eleven to the north corner of the lake (parallels to Portion Road), was the most productive stretch of water tested at the time I sat down to write this article. Here, the DEC boat gathered 30 bass in 45 minutes. A good number of fish were over 15 inches long and one particular spot produced six fish. Good luck finding that small honey hole.


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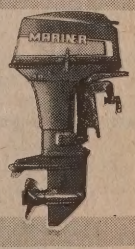


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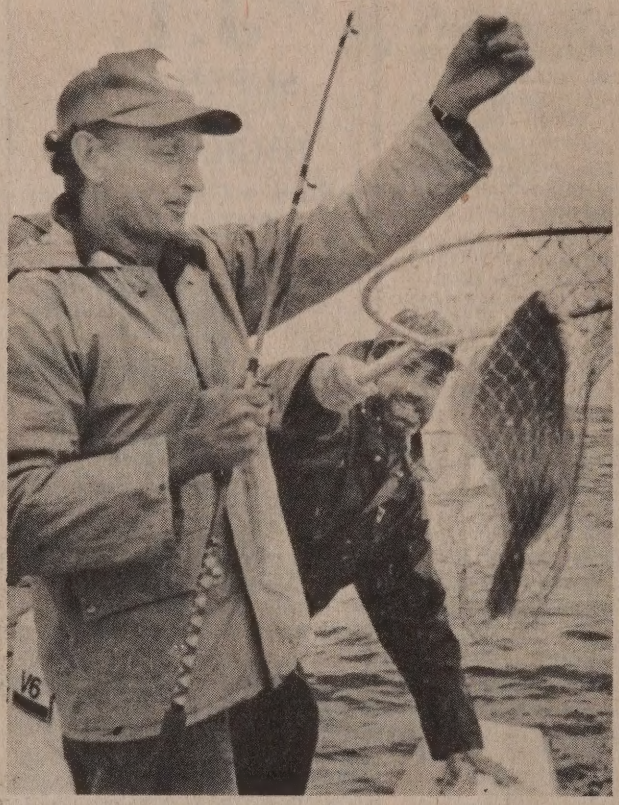

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# PURPLE WARRIOR

## by Matt Ahern

### Once again, the spunky sea bass is becoming a favorite target of Long Island sinker bouncers.

Sixty years ago, sea bass were the mainstay of Long Island and New Jersey's summer fishery. It was common to see party, charter and private boats carrying swinging loads of expectant anglers to the offshore sea bass grounds; each fisherman secure in the knowledge that he would return with a bulging back of fish. I know this is so because as a youngster, I was one of those happy-go-lucky fishermen.

Catching sea bass was no problem. When baited hooks were lowered to one of the many local offshore wrecks or rock piles, rods would quickly bend under the weight of struggling fish. Over the rails would come handsome sea bass. Double-headers were expected, and triples caused little comment.

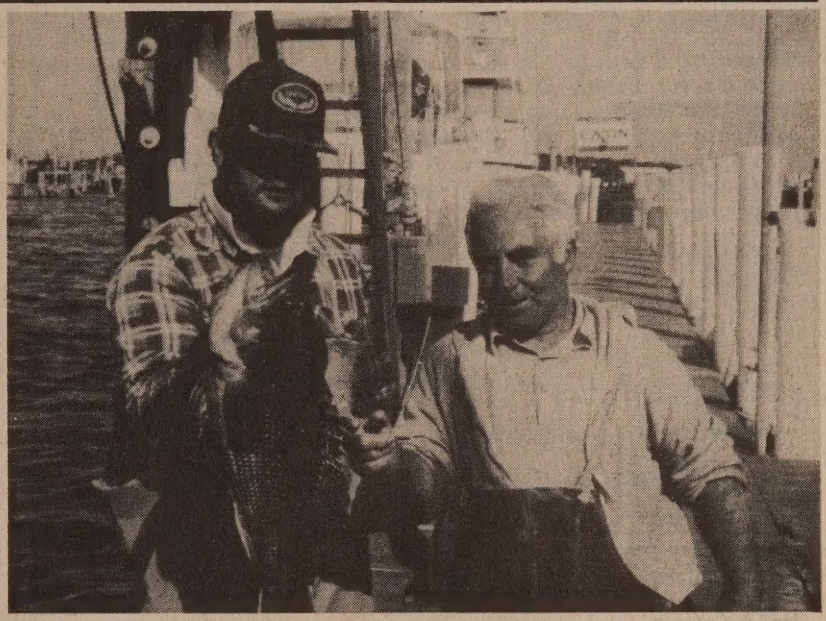
Such was the sea bass fishing enjoyed by generations of fishermen. No sinker bouncer of my aquaintance was ever "skunked" during those wonderful days.

Then, suddenly, and without warning, problems arose in the fishery. This first became evident in the late 60s and early 70s. All that great fishing which seemed as certain as the sun's rising in the east came to a grinding halt. The near demise of these willing biters in our local area was sorely felt by both angler and party boat skipper alike.

Scatterings of sea bass continued to be caught over the years by die-hard anglers who simply refused to surrender without a struggle; but they worked hard for the few fish they reaped. Eventually, even these dedicated fishermen became discouraged by their gleanings and plied their fish-catching efforts toward more available fish, patiently hoping against hope that the following year would see the return of these fun-to-catch fish.

It appears now that this patience has been rewarded, for wonder of wonders, over the past several years, sea bass are once more available—each succeding year producing better than its predecessor, though, and I must be honest with you, only few trips "fill the sack" to brimming. But those fish are out there; and that is what's important.

Last summer saw sea bass in large numbers. Not bulging sacks, perhaps, but a supply large enough to satisfy one and all that, indeed, sea bass are back. Party boat skippers are again dreaming long dreams of possible fantastic fishing to come. One skipper I know you can check with is Captain Ken Malone of Shinnecock Canal's Jenny Rose. He'll give you the latest info.



**Humpback sea bass are on the way back, as evidenced by this state record nine pounder caught at Montauk by Sal Vicari, right.**

To best enjoy sea bass fishing, use the correct tackle. For inshore bay fishing, light to medium-weight spinning gear is ideal, but when fishing offshore grounds where the water is deep (the deeper the better, as far as sea bass are concerned) and tidal currents strong, it is best to use a medium weight conventional outfit. Particularly is this so aboard party boats where the use of spinning tackle is often frowned upon.

I've been using a 7 foot, medium-weight conventional rod and Penn 155 reel for years for all-around summer fishing on the offshore grounds and find it ideal for sea bass. And too, it has the oomph to handle any outsized blackfish that might come my way.

When fishing bays and other inshore areas, 10 lb. test mono line is okay. Some fishermen use 15 lb. test because, they claim, the lighter line frays too quickly on rough bottom. The choice is yours, but I think you'll find when currents are strong, the heavier line will make weighty sinkers mandatory. And if light spinning tackle is used, that weight is going to put a set in the rod's tip.

For offshore fishing, 20 lb. test mono is okay. With it, holding bottom with five or six ounces of lead is usually no problem. And should you become snagged (which you will when sea bass fishing) that 20 lb. test is easy to break off.

Incidentally, while on this subject of snagging, make up your mind that sea bass fishing (or blackfishing, or porgy fishing) over obstructed areas, is going to cost you terminal tackle most times. It can't be helped. (If you're not being "hung-up" occasionally, you're not fishing where the action is.)

Should you get hung-up, don't lose your cool, as the kids used to say. You may get free, without too much effort. (Lucky you!) But generally you can expect to lose some part of your terminal gear. If you're luckier still, a fish may grab the bait and free the rig—but don't count on it.

If after several unsuccessful attempts to break the rig free, break it off. Don't fool around trying to save a sinker and a couple of hooks. You're out there to fish, not fume and fret over the calloused way the fishing gods are treating you.

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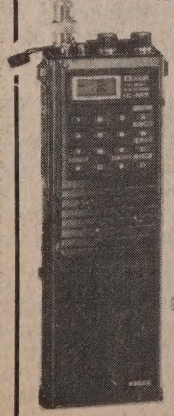

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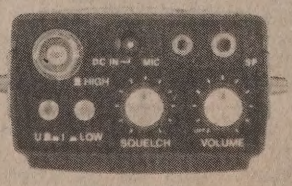


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aside. Never use the rod to exert pressure on a snagged rig. Not only is this bad for the rod, you will succeed in enmeshing the coils of mono deeply against the reel's arbor and have the devil's own time getting it free.

Grasp the line in your hands and apply pressure—gently at first. If this doesn't work, try snapping the line. Be certain the line is not knotted about your hand; you'll receive a bad cut if the line doesn't release.

If this doesn't work after several attempts, you have one last resort. When the rise and fall of the boat creates slack in your snagged line, take a couple of fast turns around the rail and wait for the next swell to break it off. It will part at the snag and you'll lose only a small amount of line if any.

Don't cut or burn the line at the rod tip as so many fishermen do. It may be faster, but if you're fishing in deep water, you will quickly deplete your reel of its line. If there are no other replacements available, you've had it for the day. This always happens when the fishing is red hot and is known as gnashing one's teeth time.

Sea bass rigging is simplicity itself—as is all rigging for bottom fishing; don't ever attempt to make it complicated, for this is the road to madness and few fish. You'll find most sea bass fishermen use the popular deep sea, or two hook rig, which is simply one hook tied in a snell's length above the sinker and the other high enough to clear the lower one. The use of three-way swivels isn't recommended because they foul too easily.

Instead of a three way swivel, use dropper loops made with double-overhand knots—a two inch loop is about right. If this knot is carefully drawn up, it will not cut the line if each strand is seated properly. Pay particular attention to your top hook; you'll find most sea bass dote on this one. That lower hook is more likely to catch porgies and ling. (If sea porgies are around, remove that lower hook and replace it with a 1/0 in any of the recommended styles listed below.)

Because all bass are blessed with a large mouth, large hooks can be used. My favorite for sea bass fishing is a Sproat 4/0. Other hooks such as Beak, Claw, O'Shaughnessy, Limerick, and Virginia in these sizes can also be used. (Use a Virginia #4; these hooks don't come in "0" sizes.)

I've found it best to use 30 lb. test leader material when tying sea bass hooks. Don't concern yourself about the material's thickness—sea bass aren't a bit line shy.

Sinker weight will vary because of depth of water and tidal currents in your fishing area. Most days a five ounce bank sinker will be fine—although I've gone to 8 and more at full moon times.

Large sea bass should always be netted. Most fish will be hooked deep inside the mouth (sea bass are greedy), but occasionally one is lip-hooked. Should this be a large fish, its

weight alone may pull the hook free when an attempt is made to lift it over the rail without aid. Don't take chances with your fish (any fish)—especially if you are in the big fish pool.

I suppose skimmer clam and squid strips have accounted for more sea bass than any other bait. During winter, southern commercial handliners bait up with squid and catch barrels of humpbacks for the market. The choice is yours, either bait will do.

Here's a sea bass tip that always works. During the poor years of sea bass fishing mentioned earlier, my buddy Artie Leidecker and I were two of those dedicated sea bass fishermen who refused to give up. We used to do all our sea bass fishing on the Cholera Bank—well, most of it, anyway. We found that when using skimmer the more yellow it was, the more fish we caught. It got so that we used to dye our skimmer and squid strips with food coloring. It never failed to put a few fish in the bucket during those lean times. There's no reason why today's fisherman can't achieve the same results.

As with everything else in fishing, there's a right way and a wrong way to do the necessary things required to put fish on board. One of these is the proper method used in preparing bait.

Aboard a party boat, you'll find the mate has cut the bait into proper sized pieces, therefore, you'll have no difficulty when baiting up. But if you are on your own, you'll find there is more to bait cutting than meets the eye.

Always cut skimmer (or any clam) lengthwise—never across, as so many do. By cutting across you will be discarding the soft belly, which every bottom feeding fish relishes. When placing skimmer on the hook make certain the hook point protrudes just above that soft belly. You'll miss few sea bass when this is done.

When sea bass fishing offshore look for action in deep water. Long Island Sound, east to Montauk, and thence along the south shore of Long Island, and along the entire coast of New Jersey are areas where sea bass take up housekeeping.

In the New York Bight, such areas as the aforementioned Cholera Bank, 17 Fathom Bank off New Jersey, the Subway Grounds south of Ambrose Tower, offshore Sea Bright, all these, plus close by wrecks, have been producing sea bass for generations of fishermen. Party boat skippers know all these places—and more. Add the offshore wrecks and it hardly seems possible to have a poor sea bass fishing day.

Sea bass are sure to put in an appearance this summer—in fact, at this writing they are already moving in (mid-May). If you've never caught sea bass, you owe it to yourself to try it. One look at that handsome fish, and one can easily see why some dedicated sea bass angler came up with the proper name: the purple warrior.


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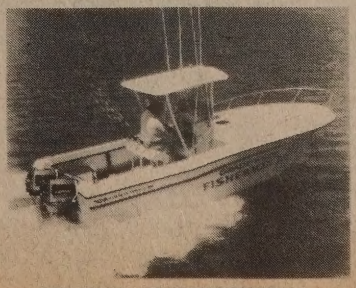

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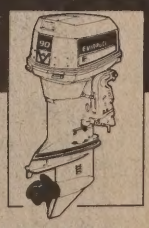

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# MATCHING THE HATCH

## by Carl Buxbaum

There hadn't been any action since dusk, and most of the other casters already packed it in. The first really comfortable night of the season, though, summer weather obviously arrived, kept me casting and walking—enjoying the solitude. By midnight, I'd migrated over a mile from the vehicle and turned back to get at the thermos bottle. Maybe I'd go home after that. About a hundred yards from the hike's end, the telltale slaps of surface feeding fish could be heard. I felt the adrenalin start pumping.

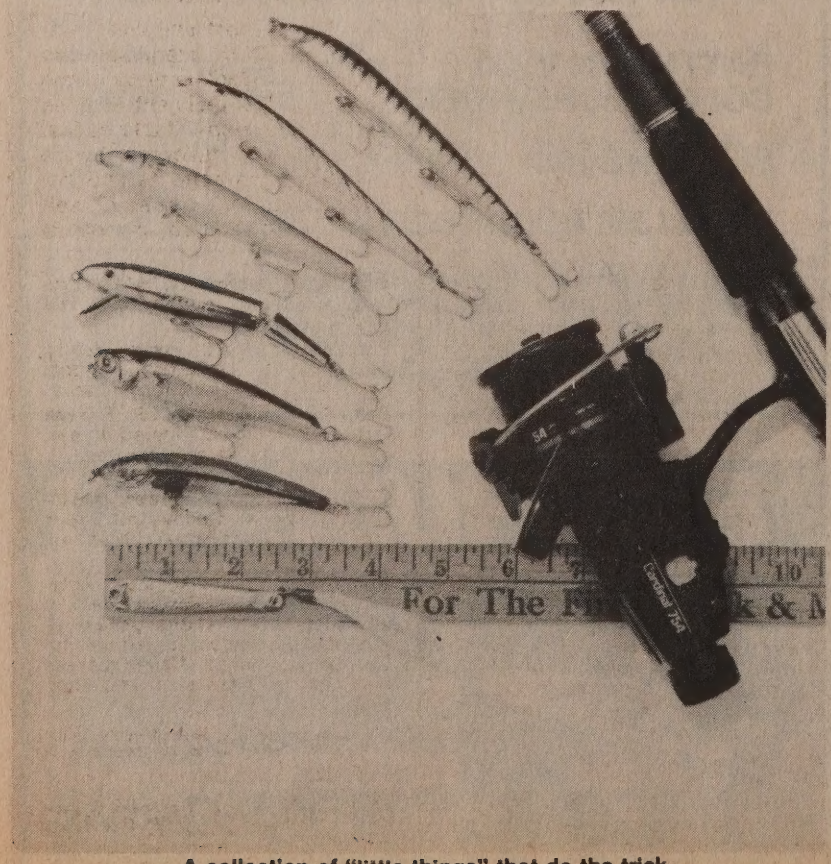
On investigation, what looked like a school of small stripers, probably just legal, was visible tight to the beach. A 5½ inch Redfin passed through the fracas unmolested—again and again. Better try that Hellcat everyone's been raving about. Still nothing. Nothing on a Needlefish plug, either. In spite of the beautiful night, my mood was turning foul. This was the fourth time in three weeks I found fish and couldn't manage a hook-up. The first Friday night in June cow bass were romping around under the Montauk Light. You could see them rolling on top every time the light swing across the water. For nearly an hour they slapped plugs out of their way. I can't understand how one didn't get snagged. A week later, splashing fish turned up their noses at all offerings in Jones Inlet. The third weekend of June, I watched bass swirling and boiling off Montauk's Jones' Reef at sunset, in the company of some of the best surfcasters alive. None of us came close to drawing a strike. Well, I'd had it. Time for some desperate experiments.

The baitfish must've been small, I reasoned. That's usually the case in spring and summer, mainly spearing and little sand eels. Though thought of as small, the 5½ inch plug I started with was probably still too big. It was hard to stop casting with fish right in front of me. The idea of trying to grab one briefly crossed my mind. No, this wasn't getting me anywhere. I hustled the remaining distance to the buggy and dug out the freshwater tackle box. It seemed that every plug was tangled in the hooks of the others. Rushing the job in poor light didn't help do it right, but at last a 3½ inch Bomber Long A was extricated from the mess.

Luckily, I stayed close to the water while running back to the school, otherwise I'd have missed it. The fish moved closer to the vehicle, but about 20 feet further out. The first cast was launched, but the relatively stiff 8 foot rod and 10 pound line couldn't throw the tiny Bomber well. It fell short. Wading as deep as I dared, another cast failed to reach the commotion. A third try was also short, but there was the exciting thunk and solid weight of a nice fish on—the instant the reel was cranked. Big weakfish were apparently hanging at the edge of the cavorting bass pod. The little plug looked strange tucked in the gaping jaws of a fat 7 lb. weak. Bronzed freshwater trebles are hard to see at night and I wound up breaking one of the points, as well as mangling others, before finally extracting the plug with pliers. Precious time had slipped by. When I got back in the water, no fish were showing. Ten casts later, I threw in the towel.

There were some problems to solve the next day. First, assemble a selection of tiny plugs suitable for dunking in sea water and sturdy enough to defeat powerful, perhaps toothy jaws. Next, pull together an outfit capable of casting very light plugs and still do battle with gamesters to 8 or 10 lbs., under reasonable conditions. Reluctant to invest money in a questionable experiment, I sifted through my sweetwater plugs culling out those with saltwater capacity, solid hardware. These included 4½ inch Rebels, a similar sized Redfin and Hellcat, and the skinny little Bagley's Bang-O-Lures. The last, I thought, could pass for sand eels. One of three Bombers had the right hardware. I'll never grasp why identical plugs, at the same price, are sold with such variations. I switched the good split rings and hooks over to the "sure thing" plug that worked the night before.

Then, I rummaged through all the old fishing junk accumulated over time and settled on one of my son Matthew's long forgotten rods: a fast tipped, 7 foot, heavy duty, freshwater stick. Electrical tape was wound over the frayed guide wraps, and the crud was cleaned out of the reel seat. My boys can't exactly be counted on to take care of tackle. As a result, the matched reel was beyond repair. Not wanting to test my favorite freshwater reels in the brine, I decided to spend some money—the less the better. Finding a sale, I picked up a Cardinal 754 for under 14 bucks and spooled it with 6 lb. line.



**A collection of "little things" that do the trick.**

Roaming the beach that night, there weren't any signs of feeding fish. To test the equipment, I started casting anyway. Two hours later a fair sized fluke, 3 short stripers, a stray 3 lb. blue and a pair of 4 or 5 lb. weaks had been caught and released. Once I knew fish were present, I kept changing plugs to see if size really made any difference. One of the weaks fell for a 5½ inch Hellcat. The fluke and a bass took the 3½ inch Bomber. All the others assaulted a 4½ inch Rebel. Funny thing is, that's the plug I used least. Continued experimentation during the summer confirmed the 4½ inch Rebel's superiority. Next was the 3½ inch Bomber. Even at dusk and dawn, when I tried little tins and poppers, these 2 plugs did best overall. Though the Bang-O-Lures looked great to me, the fish didn't agree. Perhaps they're too light and wind resistant. Casting distance was very restricted. The Bomber is the only 3½ inch version tried that can really be tossed out there. It has some weight to it and seems to sail seaward smoothly and wobble free. The 4½ inch Bombers also seem to fly better than others in that size class, but I've found the Rebel more productive.

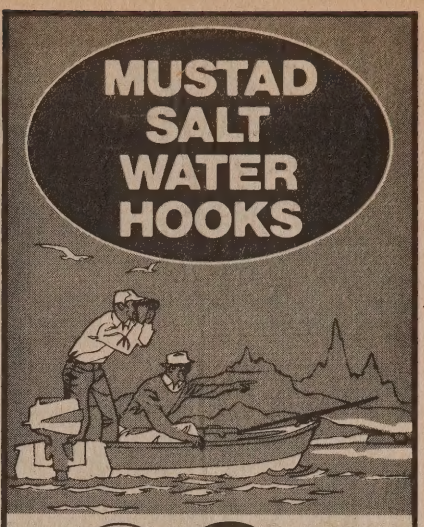
Six pound line helps get some reach with tiny plugs, but after that first night, I moved up to 8 lb. test. The lighter line is extremely vulnerable to the formation of wind loops, and it seemed as if I had to cut back line every half hour. The problem was reduced a bit by retrieving the line through the thumb and forefinger of my right hand, every third or fourth cast, but I kept forgetting to do so when fish were around. Then there was that sickening feeling, when I heard a tangle slapping through the guides, and I knew I'd be cutting back while a pod of fish casually danced by. The 8 pound line seems like a good compromise. Only a little distance is sacrificed and with careful handling, fouling problems become rare. Perhaps more important, heavier line aids in setting the hooks. Lots of fish were dropped on the 6 lb. stuff simply because half the time I rear back to really stick a fish, the line stretched so much that little pressure was transferred to the plug. The 8 lb. line has just enough extra clout to do the job. With tiny plugs and light line, the leader requires special attention. It must be light enough not to kill the action of little plugs, yet gutsy enough to resist being cut by gill plates and teeth. I've settled on tying my own with supple, premium quality, 30 lb. monofilament and the smallest snaps and swivels I can lay my hands on. Regular leader material and wire are simply too stiff. They murder the action of plugs. Also, keep the leader fairly short, say 12 to 18 inches. I think longer ones add too much weight and water resistance to get top plug performance.

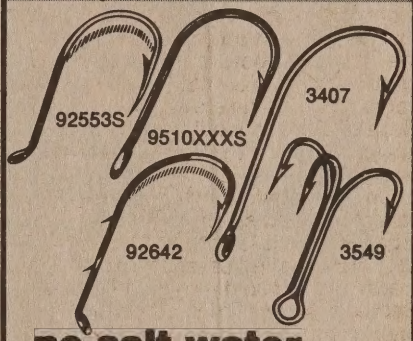
Stunt fishing is not my interest. Rather, I'm in search of successful surfcasting. So, the choice of light tackle here is based purely on the desire to effectively toss light lures, when that's what the fish want. Yet, I'm forced to admit, it's one heck of a kick to play an 8 lb. weakfish on a soft, one-handed, 7 foot stick. Gone is the single run followed by hauling in a near dead fish, collapsed in both strength and spirit. Be prepared to slug it out, as if fighting a teen sized blue. The battle will be long and may force you downtide, quite some distance. Just make sure your fun doesn't mess up that of other casters. Under crowded conditions, go back to beefy tackle, so everyone else doesn't have to make way for you fussing with a modest fish. When nobody else is taking fish anyway, I sometimes do turn to the light stuff. It often pays off nicely, but I have the nagging suspicion that others on the beach are plotting to use me as chunk bait, more because the tiny plugs are catching fish, it seems, than because I'm getting in their way.

In general, though, I've learned to use the light stuff when the beaches are fairly empty because the fishing's been slow. Early last August, when the first little snappers and tinker mackerel started moving around, I waded out on the bar at Shagwong Point, about sunset. The tide was dropping fast, and I got in up past my webbed belt. Nobody else was casting, although three fancy camping rigs were on the beach. A small bluefish snatched the 4½ inch Rebel on the second cast. I pushed the rod way up in the air, arms fully extended, to keep the tip out of the water and deal with the racing tide. By the time the fish was unhooked, half a dozen spectators were behind me. Only one suited up and joined me on the bar.

First came the sundials, whacking the little plug on nearly every cast. They were such trouble, I was about to quit. Then, a solid fish hit. My companion on the bar moved closer to watch. No matter how I held the striper, it remained an inch shy of the 24 inch limit. We were talking about how nice it was to see small bass again. Maybe there was hope for the future. So, when the second striper was obviously a keeper, I released it too. Just didn't seem right to kill the precious critter. The other guy took a sundial. I took another bass. Soon we were fishing shoulder to shoulder, talking up a storm. When I released the next striper, he asked, "What're you using?" I unsnapped a 4½ inch, blue backed, silver Rebel. "Here, try it awhile" I said. "I've got some other stuff that'll work—want to try them anyway." He passed. "No thanks. Just can't get those things out. They're a pain." I carefully released another striper, about 7, maybe 8 pounds before the tide stopped running and followed the curve bar back to shore.

The partner I left on the bar was right. Those tiny plugs are a pain, but they take fish. True, you can't cast them far, but they sure go far enough.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# VACATION ANGLING IN THE POCONOS

*by Brian Mulholland*

**This popular vacation spot offers the family oriented angler a chance to enjoy his favorite sport.**

Family vacations can be a bit frustrating for compulsive anglers. Even if your spouse is tolerant of your passion for chasing fish, it's hard to do when traveling in unfamiliar territory. Familiarity with favored fishing grounds is the single most useful body of information an angler can possess. A regular doesn't need to check the road map, stumble over limited access boundaries, or discover too late that a skiff livery is closed.

If you do organize a "family vacation," meaning something including children small enough to need steady supervision, you may well do so in the Poconos mountains of Eastern Pennsylvania. The area is close to New York. It is a traditional haven for middle class tourists, and not just the honeymoon couples and skiing enthusiasts who dominate the area's advertisements. There is a reasonable supply of all the usual family stops, museums of Indian artifacts, relentlessly cute handicrafts, Dude Ranches, historic sites, etc. The area is also of considerable natural beauty and offers extensive land for camping and hiking if your family has any interest in that direction.

The Poconos are also blessed with a lot of fresh water. The Delaware River marks part of the boundary between New York and Pennsylvania and is fishable for much of its length. The mountains themselves are laced with lakes and streams, most of which support some population of fresh water game fish.

I'm not a Poconos expert, but as a boy I spent a week or two for several summers with friends in Hawley, Pennsylvania. The town (village would be more accurate) lies next to Lake Wallenpaupack, a large man-made impoundment and I'd like to draw your attention to it.

First of all, it is a big lake, with 22 odd miles of shoreline surrounding 5,700 acres of water. The lake was created by the damming of Lackawaxen Creek by Pennsylvania Power and Gas (PP&G) and is still in use for peak power demands and to regulate the water flow into the Delware River. It offers a variety of advantages to the visiting angler that many smaller bodies of water do not.

Access to the lake is easy. PP&G maintains four camping areas around the perimeter of the lake, and there are several ramps for easy launching of boats. (There is no fee for either resident or non-resident boat users.) Sizable chunks of land on the perimeter of the lake have been set aside as nature preserves, most notably Shuman Point near the Dam itself and the boatless angler can walk and cast along a good part of the shoreline. Boat liveries operate all summer long; even after Labor Day you can get a boat without difficulty.

The lake has particular characteristics you should know about in advance. First of all, it's deep. The lake bed is a mountain valley, and much of the shoreline shelves quite steeply towards the water. Sizable parts of the lake are 30 to 40 feet deep and 50 to 60 foot depths can be found near the dam and along the lower third of the creek bed of Lackawaxen Creek. There are weed beds and muddy areas along much of the fringe of the lake, but this is better considered as fairly deep water. During the summer when water skiers, casual sailors and boating incompetents are tearing about the lake at high speeds, the fish will be too agitated to spend much time in the shallows. At such times, you're better off with at least 15 or 20 feet of water under your keel.

The mix of fish in the lake is varied.

At one time, the lake was famed as a producer of big trout and somewhere in my cellar, I have a 1967 issue of the old "Sportfishing" magazine detailing the capture of a 27 lb. brown trout, for a time the state record. But these fish are hard to come by. Local anglers seek them out by drifting before the wind or slow trolling with a single worm or minnow behind a big series of spinner blades, locally known as "Indian Joe" rig. As a casual angler limited to an occasional boat rental, I've never taken a trout here.

The best fishing in summer is for black bass, both large and smallmouthed and for walleyed pike. The lake is also supplied with sizable numbers of the small redeye or goggle-eyed bass which might be of particular interest to fly rodders. Walleyes demand careful, stealthy fishing at night with bait or a slow moving plug, but the fish are present in enough quantity so that patient work will turn them up, but bass fishing is best of all. I went back to the lake after a 15 year absence for a vacation recently, and was happy to find the shore of Shuman Point as well supplied with goggle-eyed bass and sub-sized largemouths as I remembered. I spent a pleasant hour casting to small bass in weeds and watching them follow without taking my floating Rapala.

Since the lake is subject to being drawn down by the needs of PP&G for water, the water line fluctuates a good deal. The shoreline of Shuman Point is carpeted in large chunks of stone from fist size to table size—a great place to sprain an ankle if you're careless. But starting perhaps 30 feet from the water line that I saw when I was there, the bottom abruptly became rich dark mud that was thick with rooted vegetation. Bass were hanging in the weed mass and it was almost impossible to fish them out of it. The most skillfully tossed spinner or spoon collected a thick coat of weeds, and even the floating Rapalas reached low enough to pick up trailing green fronds. A bass bug or a large bushy dry fly would have been ideal, and in the past I have caught these fish on spinning tackle by using a transparent plastic bubble to give enough weight to throw a fly.

Tackle of the casual angler need not be complicated. Medium weight casting tackle-spinning, baitcasting, o fly will do just fine. Bring some small sinkers of under an ounce and the same assortment of plastic bodied jigs, Curly Tails, Mister Twisters or whatever, and the same jelly worms that you would use for pursuing weakfish. Bring also the smallest tins and bucktails in your arsenal, for the easiest way for the casual angler to fish is to drift the margins of the lake and drag or bounce bucktails on the bottom while doing it.

You're going to lose some jigs this way. There is a good deal of fallen timber on the lake bottom and it eats

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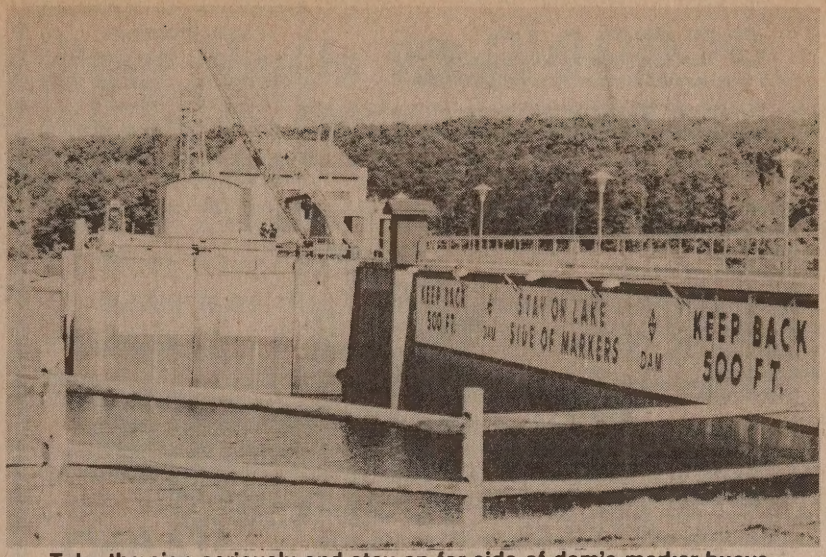


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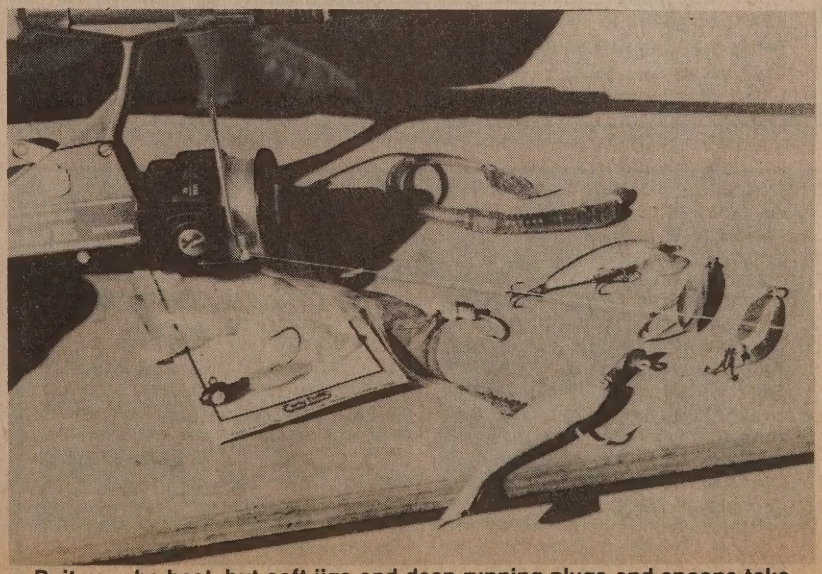

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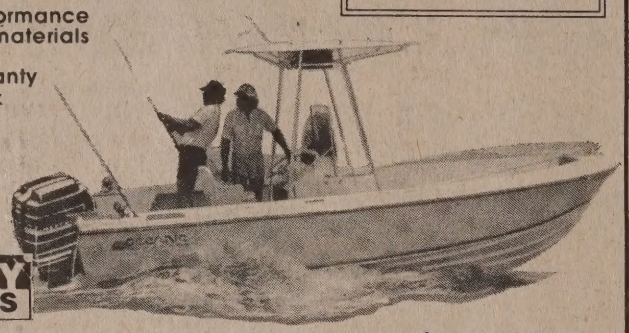

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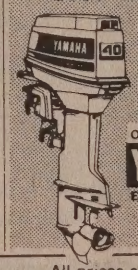

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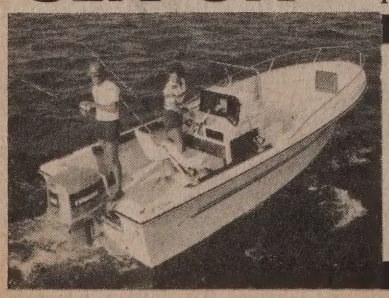

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terminal tackle with enthusiasm. (I still have a rusty old Rebel and a couple of bucktails that a diver friend pulled out of one tree 20 feet down for me more than a decade ago.) If losing jigs irritates you, then rig up a three-way rig with a small sinker of an ounce or so and fish a night crawler 30 inches off the bottom.

Pennsylvania non-resident licenses, mandatory for all anglers of 16 years and over, are $15 for a 7-day license and $20 for a season's license. That's expensive enough so that you may or may not want to buy a license for everyone in the family. But if the kids are old enough and serious enough about fishing to make the expenditure worthwhile, you can also tell them that there is an outside shot at two exotic game fish in the lake: muskellunge and striped bass.

Muskellunge are not common in the lake, nor are they common anywhere else. People who take them usually do so by accident, while fishing for some other species. The week that I was there the chief subject of gossip at two local tackle stores was a 56 lb. muskellunge that was killed by a fall through the dam's water inlet. The thought of a fish that size is enough to stir any angler's pulse.

Striped bass are more interesting and likely to be a good deal more plentiful in the near future. They have been planted steadily for the past few years to help control an alewife problem. The largest fish taken have been about 7 lbs., which is perfectly respectable, but the area's tackle dealers have a remarkably cautious attitude toward the striper experiment. One remarked that a lot of anglers hope the biologists are wrong and that the stripers will reproduce naturally in the lake. There seems to be some local consensus that the fish should be left alone until they become larger and more numerous than is currently the case.

I started by remarking that a familiarity with local waters and conditions is the most valuable single body of knowledge an angler can possess. By definition you're not going to be able to fish this lake well enough to learn the water on a family vacation. So here are my own informal recommendations about the best way to fish this lake with the kids.

One, get up in time to visit Shuman Point Wild Life Refuge at dawn. The Refuge is closed during the hours of darkness, but even during the noisy hours of midsummer you should have some peace and quiet for the first hour or two of daylight around the fringe of the lake. Walk the shoreline and work it with bushy dry flies or bass bugs, either on fly tackle or behind a floating bubble. If nothing else, you should scare up enough goggle eyes for an enjoyable morning. Two, rent a skiff as early in the morning as you can and put in some serious drifting. Despite the popularity of this area as a tourist resort, the local residents are genial in dealing with outsiders. When I wanted a boat

for dawn, two hours before a particular livery's opening hour, I was able to arrange for it simply by paying in advance. When I got there in the morning the boat was tied up, fueled and ready to go where the employee had said. Three, work with two lines. Pennsylvania law allows no more than two lines per angler, so it's okay to drift along a shoreline or slow troll and cast with one rig while dragging another behind the boat. A small floating Rapala appeals to quite a few of the fish, and is a good choice if you don't have bait. But bait is better; use a half ounce or ounce egg or trolling sinker to get a night crawler or minnow down below the surface. Cast as you go with a small jig, sweetened with a bit of worm and work the bottom. Expect to lose jigs.

Four, use a high-low rig in deeper water. If there's more than 15 or 20 feet of water under your keel you can't troll deeply without lead core line or similar special items and have any real hope of getting your offering down. So if you're in that deeper water, use a three way rig and keep a worm 20 inches above your sinker. Expect to lose sinkers.

Bring your lightest casting tackle but also a 12 lb. baitcaster or spinning outfit. The latter is for trolling and for drift fishing.

Five, fish up near the dam. The deepest water in the lake is nearest the dam and if you can't get out at any time other than the heat of the day, your best bet will be to fish the coolest water. Bear in mind that this dam does not draw on the lake continuously; it's used irregularly for peak power and water control. So the fact that you see no turbulence in front of the dam, is not an invitation to skirt the dam face. Stay on your side of the buoys, and fish bait at as many different levels as the number of people in the boat will permit. If the kids are interested enough to make a family outing of it, there's no reason at all why you shouldn't rent a large enough boat for four or five people to sit and fish baits at different depths.

The lake is two hours from the George Washington Bridge by Palisades Parkway and Interstate 84. Current information is easily obtained by phone from the Lake Wallenpaupack Association, (717) 226-2141, which will stuff your mailbox with all the brochures the family could want. The Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Box 1673, Harrisburg, PA 17120 will send license applications and angling brochures without charge. A structure map is available in local tackle stores for $2.50.

Casual angling is not to be tossed aside just because the preparations you can make would seem inadequate at home. A change of place and locale can bring pleasures even if the sport is a bit less dramatic than you might find by trolling a plug for bluefish. Any fisherman who takes a family holiday to the Poconos should find the time to make a stop at Lake Wallenpaupack.


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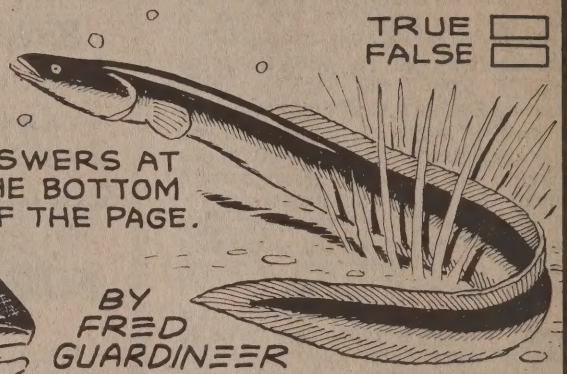

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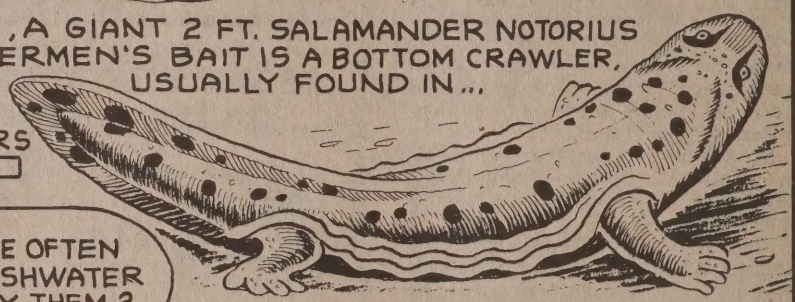

**(4) THESE MINNOWS** ARE OFTEN USED AS BAIT FOR FRESHWATER FISHING. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?

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FLATHEAD MINNOW ☐
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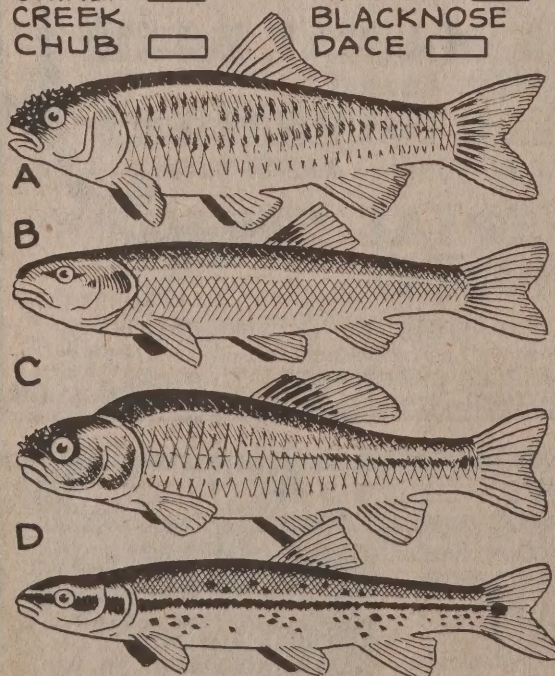


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# East End REPORT

*with Mrs. Lorry Mangan*

Inshore and offshore action showed a definite upswing: blues, fluke, flounder, stripers, sea bass, some porgies inshore. Offshore, several makos were caught among thousands of blue sharks. The first giant tuna and blue marlin were weighed at Montauk. Summer is here!

## MONTAUK

The largest mako shark of the weekend was caught on the charter boat **Montauk** with Capt. Mike Albronde, on a charter with Tom Peterson of Connecticut. Sixty degree water was found south of the Point. The fish hit a mackerel baited on an **Edelman's** shark special graphite rod with a 9.0 reel. Capt. Mike reported bluefish solid up to 180 feet of water. Plenty of blue sharks providing lots of action. Fluking looks better everyday at Gin Beach, North Rip and all regular spots.

At least six other mako sharks in 80-150 lb. range were weighed at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. Inshore, flounder are solid at the Point with a good number of sea bass around. The large—762 lb.—blue marlin was weighed at the **Marine Basin**, after being trucked from Hampton Bays in search of a scale large enough to weigh it. More details on this in the South Fork report.

Captain Bob Storc on a mid-week trip on the charter boat **Caprice** returned to **Gone Fishing Marina** with seven striped bass—the largest 51 lbs., caught on plugs and feathers.

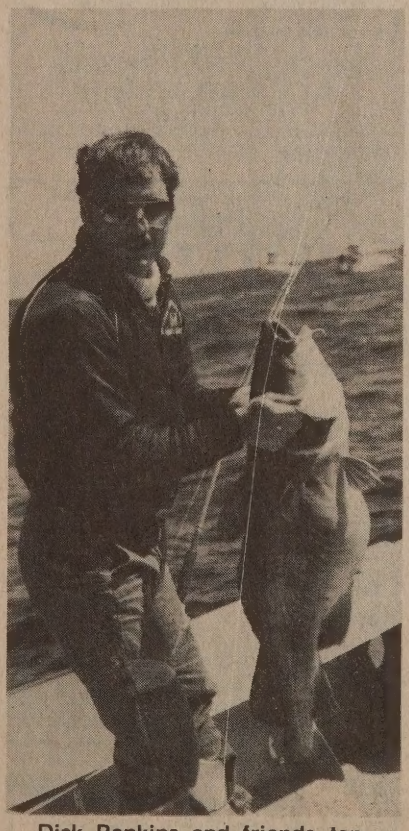
Maureen Sennefelder also reported good fishing on marina based boats. Paul Giangreco with a 60 lb. mako shark; fluke on "Mimi" on a short trip Sunday afternoon at Gin Beach; flounder and blackfish caught at the North bar on Saturday by W. Pulver.

At least 10 mako sharks were weighed at **Captain's Cove Marina** over the weekend, with a 90 lb. and 178 lbs. caught on the "High Hook" with Jerry, Tom, Tony, Gary and Dee found due south of the point in 37 fathoms. A 202 lb. mako along with very large blue sharks (described as September size) were caught on the **Cricket II** on Saturday night. "Nora John" owned by J. Lemmon travelled 50 miles offshore for 2 makos. Inshore, fishing is very good. Al Antinore fished the south side and Shagwong for flounder and fluke. Some anglers are catching 15 to 20 fluke per trip since the weekend. Porgies are showing, usually taking flounder baits. Bluefish are all over Cartwright and at the Point with all you want. Other charter boats based at the Marina are sharking with good results; i.e., **Joy-Sea, Mako Express.**

Captain Joe McBridge of the charter boat **My-Mate** felt that the super shark action over the past week—both in mako and blue shark is an encouraging sign for the upcoming MCA Charity Tournament scheduled for the weekend of July 6th and 7th. Applications are available at **Captain's Cove Marina.**

The **Bluefin I** has enjoyed good action with blue shark, with 8-10 blue shark per trip fought and released. Bluefish trips, usually morning trips, are quite good, with 60 or more blues per trip.

Captain Michael Potts had the Moelders from upstate New York on the **Bluefin IV** on Monday, who caught 60 large bluefish of 10 to 15 lbs., then went bottom fishing for 1/2 barrel full of sea bass, porgies and a few blackfish. Wednesday's trip counted a striped bass among a dozen small blues caught at the Light, with 40 large blues at Cartwright later in the day. On Saturday, the Kinsellas from Boston had fun with three large blue sharks to 200 lbs., which were released after capture. The Perez group from NYC returned with 20 large bluefish caught at Cartwright and an 80 lb. mako which took a bunker bait at the Butterfish Hole in 59.5 degree water.



**Dick Rankins and friends topped off a catch of 18 pollock to 38 lbs. with three cod, including this 35 pounder. They fished aboard the Montauk based charter boat, "Windy."**

On a recent trip on the **Lori-Jay** berthed at the **Star Island Yacht Club**, a group from Allstate Insurance Co. "played" with 16 blue shark. A mako entered the slick, but could not be induced to take the bait. On Saturday, Joe Dunn and his friends from Regis Mechanical in NYC fished with Capt. Jay Rigano about 55 miles offshore, where they found the ever present blue sharks; about 15 were caught and released. Forty bluefish were caught on the way back.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. reported a spectacular day on the **Pronto** on Saturday with Tony Alessandro and his friends from the Bronx. After having fun with big blue sharks, a very large mako took the bait (squid). The fish, estimated at 400 lbs., made four very spectacular leaps before landing on the wire and breaking off. We can be sure that Capt. Mike will be looking for that fish next time out.

Captain Phil Lewis reported a good day sharking on Saturday with Mr. Shugart of NYC. A good number of blue sharks plus an 80 lb. mako were hooked on the **Adios**. Sunday's shark charter opted for bluefish because of foul weather, resulting in a super catch. Captain Lewis feels that because of weekend activity in sharks and tuna, Montauk is ahead of scheduled in offshore action.

The first giant tuna of the season was taken aboard the charter boat **Dawn**, captained by Greg Beacher. Ivar Mitchell took 28 minutes to bring the tuna to gaff. It weighed 590 lbs. Mr. Mitchell has, so far in recent years, caught 4 giants with Capt. Beacher.

Jim Grub, fishing on his My Toy with his friends Doug McVittie and Max Rampe found so many blue sharks at the Butterfish Hole that they quit fishing after over a dozen and went home.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished inshore on the **Julie III** over the weekend. On Saturday clam bait was used at outer Shagwong where 68 flounder in the 1-3 lb. range along with porgies, sea bass and blackfish were caught by Steve Waterstone and himself. On Sunday with Tony Lopez, Block Island and Shagwong was the scene of the action: 300 mackerel, 46 flounder, 35 sea bass and a couple of fluke.

Captain Jerry McGrath picked away at Block Island mackerel all weekend on the **Nostalgia II** with Jack Evans and Jeff Picken. Captain McGrath has checked his schedule and discovered that he has very few overnight Block Island trips for weakfish/fluke remaining. Best to reserve now!

Captain Richie Rade reports steady fishing for flounder on the **Marlin IV** with most anglers averaging 10 to 18 flatties a trip. Sea bass, blackfish and the beginning of the fluke run has

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**Jack "The Painter" Murray and his "crew" with a nice catch of Gardiner's Island flounder. Photo courtesy of Uihlein's Fishing Station in Montauk.**

made the trips interesting. Beginning Saturday, June 29th, the **Marlin IV** will fish for night bluefish. Sailing time is 7PM.

Pat, speaking for the **Flying Cloud'**, says that the half day trips are very good, with nice flounder holding up in the area. A few porgies, blackfish and sea bass are mixed with the catch. Predictions are for porgies to come in within the next two weeks. Get your gear ready!

Henry **Uihlein** is amazed at the amount of, and quality of, flounder in Lake Montauk. Rental and marina based boats are returning with 30 to 50 flounder per trip, with most fish in the 1 to 1½ lb. range just a short distance from the dock. Outside, flounder are "almost guaranteed" at the Light, under the Radar Tower, buoy 5 and Shagwong. Fluke are coming in; try Gin Beach. Blackfish and sea bass have been caught at the Light as well.

Captain Paul Forsberg reports the **Viking's** fluke trips as excellent (half day trips). On Saturday, Marian Houston of Bay Shore was high hook with five fluke. Average catch has been 80 to 90 fluke for 25 anglers; very few shorts; pool fish on Sunday was 5½ lbs.

The **Starship's** special four day halibut trip resulted in cod so thick that it was hard to get the bait down to the halibut, according to Capt. Forsberg. Largest codfish, 63 lbs., was caught by Ann Harsnick who was working in the galley. The pool was won by regular Dr. Shepard of Manhasset with a 62 lb. cod. Three halibut were hooked but broke off. Captain Forsberg has great hopes for future cod trips since new areas of fishing were discovered, all with cod stacked

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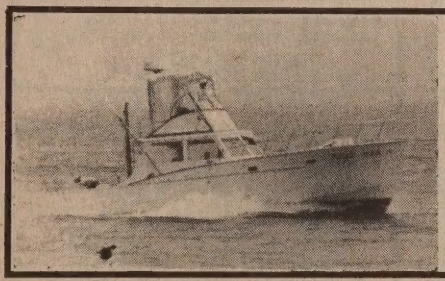

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## SOUTH FORK

Fluke catches are picking up at the East End, and at Horton's Point in the Sound, according to Capt. Artie Lach of the **Wilhelric**. An exploratory trip to the Sound last Tuesday, with a few fares onboard, returned with 20 fluke, the largest 7½ lbs., which was caught by Bill Davis of Bellrose, a member of NYPD assigned to Midtown South. Sunday's scheduled Horton's trip was called off because of unstable weather (lightning, wind, rain(. The trip has been rescheduled for this Sunday, June 23rd at 6 am. Reservations are neccessary. Call for a spot.

Porgy fishing showed a sharp improvement over last week, with scup showing up in all usual prime places such as Gardiner's Island. On Saturday, anglers using light tackle and worm bait put as many as 25 big porgies in their buckets. Night

weakfish trips have been discontinued.

Note: Videotapes of the **Wilhelric** fluke trip to Horton's, taken last Tuesday will be featured on "Fishing Forecast" this Friday. (Brookhaven Cable TV Channel 6, 6 pm Friday, repeated Saturday 5 pm) Highlights of the tape include proper filleting techniques for fluke. This program can be seen, via syndication, on any cable system. Call program manager Barry Romanski at Brookhaven Cable TV (516-928-4900) for details.

Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine & Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** heard of lots of 2-3 lb. bluefish caught by Tony Walpack who was trolling umbrella rigs at the Ruins off Gardiner's. Fluke have apparently started here as well. Finally, consistent catches of porgies have been made at Cedar Point by rental craft. No reports of weakfish this past week. Lots of short stripers around.

Thom Speckenback has heard of small bluefish along the Shinnecock Jetties and Heady Creek taking tubes and poppers. Porgy catches are increasing both in the Peconics and Gardiner's with best results so far at Jessups and off Sag Harbor. No one has brought any weaks into **Speck's Bait & Tackle** this week, however bluefish are still roaming around the Peconics. Fluke in the Shinnecock Bay are a little smaller in size, with the keeper ratio decreasing.

Capt. Ken Malone reported a good fishing trip on the open boat **Jenny Rose**, berthed in Shinnecock on Saturday's wreck trip. Most anglers had at least a five gallon bucket full of sea bass and ling, some anglers had two buckets! Reverent Sloan won the pool, the second week in a row, with a 5 pound fish. While the **Jenny Rose** was anchored on the close-in "Bridge Wreck", the water started boiling with a school of tuna, causing a lot of excitement! Capt. Malone reports consistant fluking in the bay, with 3-4 keepers per person. 70 percent of the fluke are keepers.

Joe at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** reports a slow weekend, however, small bluefish are consistant in the bay. Ron fishing on the marina based boat, "Gos-Hawk", was into bluesharks again, which he tagged and released.

Capt. Don Van DeWater boated 35 bluefish on the charterboat **Dutch Treat** on Saturday with Larry Walch and his group, then finished the day fluking. Capt. Van DeWater heard of a couple of mako sharks one 120 lbs., the other 305 pounds taken on a private boat over the weekend, signaling the start of his shark charters.

The **White Water Express** found a mess of blue sharks on Wednesday. Capt. Bob Young is very encouraged by the early start of the shark season and is booking charters. Call for dates.

Mickey Altenkirch reports small bluefish in the Shinnecock Canal, with larger bluefish solid outside the inlet.


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A few flounder and fluke holding up in the bay. Most conversation at **Altenkirch & Son** in **Hampton Bays**, however, is centered around the capture of a 762 lb. blue marlin, the first of the season on Long Island. Capt. Adam Kibel fished the "fingers" where he found 72 degree water temps. With Coleman Crowdher on the rod, the big fish took a "rocket-nose, green and yellow softhead" lure trolled on 80 lb. test dacron line, spooled on a 9.0 Fin-Nor reel. The marlin was gaffted after a 1½ hour battle. The boat, "Tiger Lily" returned to its home port in Hampton Bays for weighing, where it was discovered that the scale was not larege enough, thus necessitating a trip by van to the **Montauk Marine Basin** where a big scale is housed. The 762 lb. blue marlin was then put back into the van, by several strong men, for its ride back home to Hampton Bays.

Rosemary, at **Corr's Marina** in **Hampton Bays** found the fluking a little slower over the weekend, however, a rental skiff returned with quite a lot of bluefish caught near the Ponquoque Bridge, another with blackfish caught at the East Channel. Fluke this past weekend averaged 12 or so nice keepers per boat. Marina based boats, "Horizon" and "Bad Influence" were among the participants in the 11th Annual Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament, held on Saturday and reported lots of blue shark activity.

# South Shore REPORT

*with Fred Golofaro*

Fluke fishing remained a 'picky' proposition for much of the past week with incoming water a critical factor in both Moriches and Great South Bays. Flounder still drawing most of the attention in Moriches. Good numbers of bluefish outside the inlets for trollers and jiggers and plenty of sharks from 150' of water on out. A fair number of makos were taken along with numerous blue sharks out of both inlets on the weekend.

## MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich reported that flounder remain the main attraction with many good catches being made between buoys 31 and 38. On Thursday, Carl Webber

# High Tide Tables

**How to use tide tables:** To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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## Sunrise/Sunset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 6/20 | 5:24 | 8:39 |
| FRI. 6/21 | 5:24 | 8:39 |
| SAT. 6/22 | 5:24 | 8:39 |
| SUN. 6/23 | 5:25 | 8:40 |
| MON. 6/24 | 5:25 | 8:40 |
| TUE. 6/25 | 5:25 | 8:40 |
| WED. 6/26 | 5:25 | 8:40 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 6/20 | 7:00AM | 10:48PM |
| FRI. 6/21 | 8:07AM | 11:26PM |
| SAT. 6/22 | 9:17AM | 11:58PM |
| SUN. 6/23 | 10:28AM | — |
| MON. 6/24 | 11:39AM | 12:26AM |
| TUE. 6/25 | 12:50PM | 12:50AM |
| WED. 6/26 | 2:03PM | 1:16AM |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 6/18 | 6/25 | 7/2 | 7/10 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thurs. | 7:10 | **12:55** | 7:45 | **1:30** |
| Fri. | 8:10 | **2:00** | 8:45 | **2:30** |
| Sat. | 9:10 | **3:00** | 9:40 | **3:25** |
| Sun. | 10:00 | **3:55** | 10:35 | **4:20** |
| Mon. | 11:00 | **4:55** | 11:30 | **5:15** |
| Tues. | 11:45 | **5:40** | — | **6:05** |
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**Carmine Abbatiello, Alice Johnson and J.M. Ryan with a batch of Moriches Bay flatties taken in late May during a trip out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.**

and Sonny Polla worked south of buoy 33 and finished up with 55 nice flatties. Fluke are at buoys 42 and 43 as well as in the Elbow on incoming water. Poor tides this past week did not make for good fluking but the outlook for this week is good. Despite this, Joe Sanders returned to the Station on Saturday with 12 keepers taken between buoys 42 and 43. Sandeel or spearing and squid combos accounting for the better fluke scores now.

A slow weekend according to Larry Dalliare of **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**. Sunday's combination of rain and Father's Day made for a real quiet day. Prior to the weekend, however, there was some excellent flounder action opposite the Coast Guard Station and south of Haven's Point. There was some fair catches of fluke made at Buoys 42 and 43 with the best action confined to the flood tide. Small bluefish are all over the bay with your best shot at them coming in the early morning hours on small metal lures or popping plugs.

Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Center Moriches** based charter boat **Frances Anne II** spent two days sharking this past week. On Wednesday, he tagged and released 9 blue sharks while on Saturday he tagged and released all but one of 10 blues taken during the day. His charter, headed by John Jacobsen kept one of the sharks for mounting. The skipper fished 180' of water south of the inlet both days. A bluefish charter on Sunday resulted in nearly 100 choppers in the 6-11 pound range taken five mile south of the Sea Buoy on diamond jigs and umrella rigs.

The 11th Annual Moriches Anglers Shark Tourney went off without a hitch on Saturday. Among the hundreds of sharks caught by the 95 participating boats were a dozen makos and 2 threshers. Also Capt. Steve Stidd aboard the Striker III fought a bluefin tuna estimated at 500-600 pounds for over an hour before breaking the fish off at the boat. The big tuna grabbed a mackerel meant for shark in 180' of water SE of the inlet. Winners of the tourney were Bob Schepsis with a impressive mako of

495 pounds. It was taken aboard the Moriches Anglers Club boat My Three Sons skippered by Capt. Paul Markland. Paul found the fish in 160' of water SE of Moriches and earned the crew over $4400 in prize money. Second place and nearly $2700 in prize money went to Louis Tlockowski for a mako of 428 pounds taken aboard Capt. Thomas Leitch's Great Gun Angler's Club boat Hat Trick. This second place fish was found in 170' of water also SE of the inlet. Third place with a 450 pound mako was Joe Salintro fishing aboard Kevin Murphy's Precious Pat. This was another Moriches Anglers Club entry giving local clubs a sweep of the top three places. Third place was worth $1781. and the fish was taken in 155' of water south of the inlet.

## GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** weighed a 34¾ pound striper for Bruce Froh on Saturday morning. The Great South Bay Angler Club member was intent on only fluke when the cow grabbed a live killie being fished on a light one hand spinning rod. Paul added that Bruce managed a few fluke as well. He also noted that there has been some very good flounder fishing going on at buoys 27-29 while fluke reports ranged from slow to fair. Fluking in Fire Island has been off as well but here and there some decent catches are made. On Tuesday, Joe Macnamera and Greg and Dennis Connolly finished up with 16 keepers to 3 pounds along with a couple of small blues. They worked the mouth of the inlet. George Corwin ran to 150' of water SE of F.I. Inlet on Tuesday. He and his crew caught and released 6 blue sharks but the highlight of the day was an estimated 300 pound mako which was fought and lost after a ½ hour battle which included numerous jumps. Things look good for summer run weaks as one local gillnetter reported making a big haul of 2-6 pound fish in the bay off of Sayville on Friday. This is an early showing for these summer run fish and though some were taken last week it appears some good action may lie ahead. Paul closed by reminding that there are now plenty of blue claw crabs being taken from all the local docks.

Speaking from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Al Colban reported weighing a 14.10 pound weakfish for Richard Hencht on Wednesday. The day before, Harold Reid, Jr. drifted a red jellyworm opposite the old Lighthouse and took a 12 pound tiderunner. Of the fluking, Al labelled it as slow with the only good day reported on Sunday. Best bet is to work the mouth of the inlet and outside to 40' of water. Finding clean water is the key as a diatom bloom (algae) has created poor water condi-


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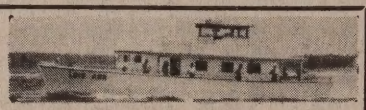

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tions back inside the bay. There was some evidence of the water conditions improving by the close of the weekend.

Carl Miller over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** reported a real slow week for fluke though he looked over some fair catches on Saturday, including fish to 4½ pounds. Three to five pound blues are a short run outside the inlet with slammers from 80' of water on out. Small flounder are still being taken inside the Sore Thumb Pocket and a few weaks continue to be picked in West Channel and at Ocean Beach on night tides. Quite a few blue sharks along with some nice makos taken offshore this weekend. Canyon action was slow with just a few yellowfins reported by local boats making the run. Carl reminded that he now has in stock a complete line of Lazer offshore lures. For those confined to the docks, a few crabs now being taken in traps.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** based **Capt. Joseph II** reported a slow pick all week long on fluke but a noted improvement to the fishing on Sunday. On Sunday, Ben Noah of Deer Park bagged 14 keepers in addition to 20 shorts. Most fares managed between 6 and 10 keepers. On Wednesday's trip Don Wilhelm of White Plains nailed down the pool with a 5 pound fluke. Charlie reminded that he will begin night bluefish trips on a 7PM daily schedule on June 27th. Evening weakfish trips have been hit or miss. Wednesday night saw 3 big weaks in the 12-13 pound range come aboard. On Saturday, no weakfish cooperated but 40 small blues were taken.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** said that the slow fluke picture had showed signs of brightening. The gradual upswing culminated in a fine day on Sunday with 5-8 keepers per man and 3 times as many throwbacks taken by fares. Best fishing is found in the inlet on incoming water.

Over at **Captree Bait Station**, Bobby Sprenger reported he weighed a 7.5 pound blackfish for Craig Marshall on Sunday. Craig took the fish aboard the charter boat Fishtail while anchored off the Sore Thumb. On Thursday, C. Hanson worked the shore behind Robert Moses Parking Field 2 and managed to beach a 10 pound 2 ounce blackfish. Bobby added that there are still flounder being taken from the Robert Moses Fishing Piers as well as the Jones Beach Fishing Piers.

Capt. Nick Manzari of the **Speedy VII** called to ask that we remind customers that they will begin sailing two trips daily for blues beginning Friday. Trips will be 7AM and 7PM.

Capt. Andy Buglione of the **Captree** based charter boat **Cap'n Andy** called to tell about the 247 pound mako shark landed by his dad, Nick Buglione, aboard his boat Shotgun Two. The mako was taken in 150' of water south of the inlet. Two blue sharks and a thresher were landed and released as well. Andy reported

plenty of 10 to 12 pound blues from 120 feet of water on out. The skipper noted that fluking was slow during the week but showed some positive signs of improvement on the weekend. He reminded that he still has some choice dates available for the summer.

Marie Stevenson of **Babylon Fishing Station** reported weighing 3 makos over the weekend. On Saturday, Joseph Kasenchak put a 97 pounder aboard the Sea Venture. Also on Saturday, Patrick Baker landed a 117 pounder aboard the Hydro Therapy. On Sunday Dennis Buckley fishing aboard the Predator clicked with a 259 pound mako. Locally, fluke fishing has been slow with a few fair catches made at the inlet and in the State Channel.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported that after a slow week, fluking has shown signs of rebounding. Working the State Channel on Saturday, the skipper watched Marvin Freeman, Jr. & Sr., bag 18 keepers including a 4 pound pool fish. The diatom bloom appears to have diminished somewhat so everyone is expecting better water conditions to result in better fluking..

Over at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported generally slow fluking with the best bet remaining at the mouth or just outside the inlet. Saturday saw plenty of 2-3 pound blues taken on 007 jigs between the old Lighthouse and the R.M. Bridge (inside the bay). Tom weighed a 12 pound weakfish for Steve D'Ambrosio on the weekend. Steve was fluke fishing aboard the private boat 'Joseph II' when his first weak ever grabbed a sandeel/squid combo. The Babylon Tuna Club fluke contest was settled—barely—on the weekend. First place winner was Phil Buckner with a 1.15 pound fluke. Second place went to Jerry Puccio. Offshore, Tom

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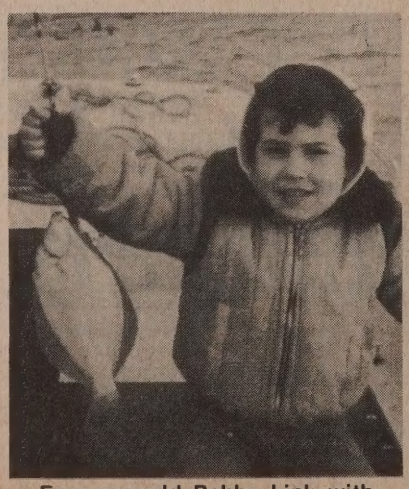

**Four-year-old Bobby Link with his first flounder, caught on a mussel bait in Moriches Bay's Hart Cove. Subscriber photo.**

knew of quite a few blue sharks as well as a couple of makos taken on 130-135 degree headings to 150' of water.

From Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** came word of a couple of bass and weakfish livelined with bunker in the inlet over the weekend. Bill Piazza culled a pair of 10 pound weaks and a 12½ pound striper from the inlet's swirling currents on Saturday morning. He returned on Sunday to take an 11.3 pound weak and a 32½ pound striper. Still some weaks being taken but nearly all the action is confined to the dark hours. Fluking left a lot to be desired this week with the key to the fishing being able to find clean water. On Saturday, Tom Boniberger stopped to show a 148 pound mako he took from atop the Virginia Wreck. Finally, Mike reported lots of crabs being taken at the Lindenhurst Town Dock both in traps and on baited lines. He has been hard put to keep crab nets in stock.

Not far down the road, Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Bait and Tackle** in **Copiague** reported a 360 pound thresher taken by Ralph Lennon and Ed Hagermeyer aboard the 'Sailfish'. The pair also released a couple of blue sharks up to nearly 200 pounds fishing in 150' of water SE of the Inlet. Al Speehr was intent only on weakfish while drifting a red Jellyworm along South Beach Saturday morning. Instead, a 19.6 pound striper found the jellyworm to its liking. Fluke fishing leaves a lot to be desired but there is still some decent flounder action going on in the vicinity of the Amityville Cut. Crabbing at local docks and in the canals has been good, particularly for so early in the season.

Very slow fluking this week according to Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. A couple of fair catches made just outside the inlet and also in the East-West Channel opposite Copiague. Biggest fluke Bob saw during the week was a 3½ pounder taken on Wednesday near the Coast Guard Station by Nick Decico of Lindenhurst. On Saturday Don Lander stopped to show some nice blackfish caught while casting from the Sore Thumb. Same day, Ed Unkel put a mess of blues to 12 pounds into the fish box of his 'Tin Man'. He also released a blue shark. Fishing was done in 170' of water SE of Fl Inlet.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera reported some good fluke action at the inlet on Sunday. He also told of plenty of blues jigged and trolled SE of the Inlet with big blues from the NA Buoy on out. Also, blues to 14 pounds reported atop the Yankee Wreck by shark fishermen on Saturday. Ron Lopez chose the Virginia for his sharking. It proved to be a wise choice as a 252 pound mako was put aboard his 'Bullship'. Frank also reported that radio chatter indicated that several makos were taken in the vicinity of the Texas Tower.

# West End REPORT
## with Stu Miller

With another week of winds and rain and warming weather, fishing continues to build with some off days thrown in due to unfavorable conditions some days. However, more shark reports are being heard, bluefishing is extremely productive by all methods utilized, the flounder remain to be caught and the fluke are giving people runs for their money. Bccs in selected spots.

## WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

The flounder fishing remains good reported **Pops Fishing Station** with senior citizen Ed Mamzhur taking 30 flounder and a couple of fluke in the wind and rain this week. John said the fluking improved by the end of the week. The flounder are still in the shallows and at the drains and are taken with heavy chumming. These are large fish averaging 1½ lbs. with best catches at Squaw Iland, Goose Drain, the piers between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh and the Jones Beach piers. Best fluking has been between 4 Corners and the 2nd bridge on the east side and between the 1st and 2nd bridge on the west side.

Aboard the open boat **Chinco III** th this week sailing from Seaford fluking started slow this week but picked up towards the end of the week with new fish moving into the area. Catches ranged into the teens Sunday said the skipper with 70 percent keeper ratio. These fish were in the 16 to 20 inch range and the pools have been taken by 4 lbers., all locally caught. The larger fluke have been from the Massapequa area taken when the drifting conditions were most favorable.

Over in Seaford, we hear from **Wanser's Tackle** of continued good flounder catches in the holes off the Short Beach CG station and the Jones Beach piers. Fluking was fair this week with a good number of keepers taken however, mainly in the area of Jones Inlet and the third Wantagh bridge. Small blues being trolled and taken on jigs with tails. The fluke have been taken best on squid and killie.

We hear from Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh that is downturn on the fluke through this weekend but the best of it was between buoys 1 and 2 in the inlet on the beginning of the flood. Very good

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fluking was had at the Tin Can, off Riis Park and on the red side of Ambrose with sea bass to 3 lbs. mixed in. Flounder fishing has been fair in the deeper water around the bridges and off Short Beach CG station. These are mixed sizes and small porgies are mixed in. Bluefish being trolled in 20 to 60 feet of water west of Jones Inlet on umbrellas with red tubes. Mako and blue shark southwest of the HA to the Virginia. Mako shark to 475 lbs. were caught this week with blue sharks staying under the 100 lbs. mark.

From **Garon's Tackle** in Merrick Gary tells of continued good fluking in Jones Inlet. Lots of flounder around the Meadowbrook Bridge and the holes off the CG Station. A few weakfish and bay blues at the Jones Inlet jetty. Large blues at Cholera and 3 Sisters. Gary weighed in a 4 lb. 3 oz. largemouth bass for Dave Romeo of East Meadow caught in Forge Pond in Riverhead.

Out of Freeport, the **Capt. Lou Fleet** reported an upswing in the fluking towards the end of the week, with high hook in the teens and pools in the 4½ lb. range. The PM flounder trips on the **CL III** have been very good said Mike. On Wednesday Young Kim had 46, John Csjako of Queens had 37 and Arnie Peters of Jamaica 38. Thursday saw Dr. Stan Wernek and son with 74, Pat Perillo with 49 and on Friday Joe Dimalte of Franklin Square with 53.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's trip for the brokerage firm of Goldman Sachs Co., NYC, taking fluke in the ocean off Riis Park on squid and sand eels with an excellent catch for the day. There were lots of throwbacks along with the catch that ranged up to fish of 3 lbs. The skipper said they had to work for them.

We hear from the **Starstream II** that the bluefishing has ranged from good to excellent on fish running 4 to 15 lbs. with action less than an hour from the dock. The night trips have been

consistent for big blues to 15 lbs. with days steady on smaller fish. It's jigs days and bait and chum at nights.

We hear from the charter boat **Captain Joe** of Saturday's trip for Rich Riley and co. from Upstate New York on a local fluke trip. The pool was bagged by Jim Toome with a 6 lber. On Sunday Curtis Iocco and cadets from West Point had decent fluking i in the rain in Reynolds and Jones Inlet.

We had IBM out Friday said Capt. Gary Neglia of the **Capt. Gary II** and the group had good fluking in Reynolds with the pool going to Russ Miller with a 3 lber. and Al Benson high hook with 15 keepers. On Saturday Young Kim and pals fluked with Young taking a 3¼ lb. pool winner and also high hook honors with 11 keepers. Saturday night the boat ran open having spotty bluefishing but nonetheless Russ Stringham took the pool with an 11 lb. blue. Sunday saw the Sinker Bouncers Fishing Club have fair fluking with Bob Fergrim bagging the pool wiht a 3½ lber while high hook honors went to Lou Schemik with 8 keepers.

A call from the charter boat **Lady J III** told of fair to good fluking all week long on sand eels and spearing with keeper ratios varying from day to day. Monday's trip was for Paul Meringoff of Westbury whose group jigged blues two miles south of Jones in the 2 to 4 lb. range. On Tuesday Rushmore School of Carl Place fluked in Jones for a fair catch while Wednesday had Dwelling Managers of NYC stabbing at fluke in the ocean off Riis and Tin Can. Friday's trip was for Rich Leahy and group from Bayside and fluked Debs and Reynolds. Saturday's trip was for Forest Park Inn of Woodhaven, fluking off Riis Park. On Sunday, Tap A Keg Fishing Club, Richmond Hill, fluked locally and in Jones.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of excellent fluking in the western part of Reynolds and along the western beaches on spearing, sand eels and strips. Andy Prescia of Elmont was high hook and pool winner with a 3 lb. fluke. His high hook number was 20 keepers on the nose. Rich Halupa caught in the teens. On Friday, Bob Strauss had a solid catch of fluke to 2½ lbs. with a total of 14 keepers.

On the charter boat **Nan-Sea** blues 2 to 14½ lbs. but averaging 8 to 12 lbs. were taken on light tackle and chum at Cholera by group from Nunzio's Deli in Innwood. Dan said they left them biting.

Marvelous Marvin at **Sea Isle** called to say that on Saturday he weighed in an 8½ lb. fluke for Mary DeVescovi, Bayside on the private boat Lovey. This was in Jones Inlet on a squid strip, outgoing water.

Word from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** was of good fluking in the inlet aboard the **Super Spray II** this week and also for the Association charter boats. Bigger fluke were taken along Riis Park and Playland on umbrellas and diamonds. Rule of

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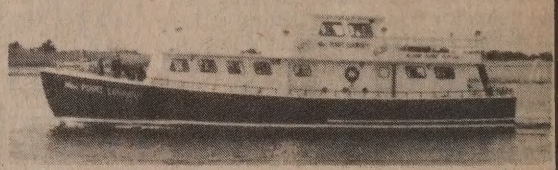

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thumb seems to be the further out you go the bigger the blues get. Big flounder in Long Creek and the backwaters including the upper end of Swift and also Merrick Bay on worms. Big fluke in Goose Creek and lots of shark being taken offshore.

Moving over to Pt. Lookout aboard the charter boat **Marie III** on Tuesday, U.S. Customs fished off Breezy Point and Riis Park having excellent fluking with fares taking anywhere from a half to a 5 gal. bucket full per man. The ebb worked best on spearing, sand eels and fluke belly. Thursday's trip saw fares trolling blues from the inlet to the R2 buoy with fish 2 to 4 lbs. On Saturday Dol-Fin Pub fluked with Joe Perri taking the pool fish a 4lb. 3 oz. fluke followed by Mike Bodner with a 4 lb. 1 oz. fluke. Catches averaged 8 to 10 fish a man with a 50 percent keeper ratio. Note that the boat still has some choice July bluefish dates, according to the skipper.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** Capt. Ron tells of fluking being on the slow side most of the week, however, Danny had 5 keepers including a 3 lb. pool winner on Thursday. In the high winds Tony Valani took a pool. The weekend picked up a bit with new fish coming in the inlet. Saturday's AM high hook was 12 keeper fluke and on Sunday's AM trip Bill Smith took the pool with a 3¼ lber. Jones Inlet has been best. The boat is very shortly starting its night bluefishing program for the year. See ad for details.

A call to the **Capt. Al** gave info on excellent bluefishing all week with over 1000 blues caught Tuesday to the tune of 50 to 60 fish a man. The daytime jig fishing is tremendous said Al. On Wednesday five fares chummed in the fog at CHolera and had alligators to 14½ lbs. while on Thursday things got really hot and three fares fishing Cholera had bruisers to 20 lbs. Friday's run to Cholera also

produced giants to the tune of 15 to 20 gorillas a man. Saturday fish 4 to 6 lbs. were caught with those working at taking 40 to 50 fish a man. On Sunday 6 fares loaded up on nothing under 8 lbs. Eric Tellefson had 20 choppers to 15 lbs. Dan Horn had 20 fish to 15 lbs. Hyenuk Lee managed 15 blues to 16 lbs. John Delcolle bagged 12 blues to 15 lbs., while Mr. and Mrs. Rogers had 15 to 15 lbs. and real fish stories to take back with them to Los Angeles. Al was ecstatic about the size of the bluefish being caught days. The night trips have been very good also, said the skipper. Very consistent. Al said whenever he has light crowds during the day he will be chumming and fishing bait for these alligators.

A call from the **Capt. Bill** says there is still plenty of flounder around, despite weather and water conditions. On Saturday Roland Guniti of Port Washington had 32 flatties to 2¾ lbs. while on the PM trip Phil Delaney had 20 flounder and Roosevelt Rogers 18. Sunday saw Roosevelt back again for 32 more on the AM trip with fish to 2½ lbs. On the PM trip, Merrick angler Mike Richards had 28 . Sunday's am trip had Cy Kommor of Merrick with 25 and Phil Ross of Oceanside and Larry Edelman of Woodmere taking 38 flatties between them. Fish averaged 1 to 1½ lbs. on worm and clam, outgoing best at Short Beach CG and Meadowbrok Bridge.

Please note that the **Capt. bill** starting June 24 will resume sailing a 7 day a week schedule.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** told us that on Saturday she weighed in a 4½ lbs. fluke for Jimmy Ling of Franklin Square, caught on squid and sand eels. Cam Borruso bagged an 18 lbs. blue fishing in Jones Inlet on a drifted bunker. Fluking was fair in general this week in Reynolds and the Fundy Flats while there was good floundering at the Meadowbrook and Swift Creek.

Word out of **Scotty's Fishing Station** was of a 155 lb. mako caught Sunday by Jimmy Woods, Malcolm Fraser and friends. Flounder and bluefish have been good in Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet. Flounder fishing took a down turn this week we are told, while blackfishing remains good on fiddlers and green crabs at the Big M and Loop bridges.

Out of Island Park the **Commodore** had an excellent day of fluking Tues. fishing off of Riis Park. Frank Herskowitz had 22 keepers. Catches averaged 10 to 15 keepers a man with fish running up to 2½ lbs. and lots of fish around. Wednesday Capt. Clem worked Debs Inlet and Friday saw another day off Riis Park. On Saturday Bob Whittaker took the pool with a 5½ lber. while Don Thompson had 17 keepers and Ken LeMay had 12 keepers. The fluking has been good said Clem, no doubt about it.

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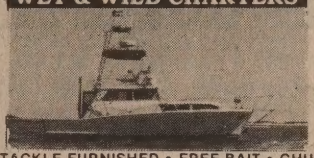

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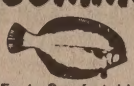

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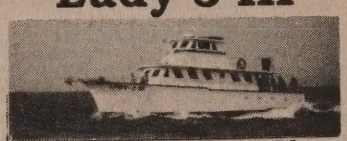

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which were tagged and released. Mako have been heard of in the area also.

From **Long Beach Boat Rentals** this week it's been all blues and fluke. Blues being trolled in 45 feet of water to 15 lbs. on umbrellas and being live lined in the bays on bunker. Flounder sharpie Capt. Buzz nailed 23 lb. striper and 17 lb. blue Saturday drifting live bunker in the Debs Inlet area. Blues being livelined also in the area of Magnolia Blvd. Pier. Best fluking has been off Riis Park and buoys 7 and 9 Reynolds on killie squid combos. Rental customers have been averaging 10 to 12 keeper fluke per boat. There's been some blackfish caught on inshore wrecks on green crab.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook we hear the Meadowbridge bridge has been having very good flounder catches on fish to 3 lbs., but clam chumming is a must. One customer who fishes at least 4 days a week at the Big M has been averaging 25 to 30 fish a day, best on incoming. Fluking has been fair to good said Charlie from Debs to Jones with a 50 percent keeper ratio. Ambrose channel has been a hotspot for keeper fluke this week too.

Bill at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic beach told of plenty of fluke from the bridge to the CG station. Marty Peyser nailed a 5 lb. 8½ oz. fluke in Reyolds on a live killie. Plenty of 3 to 5 lb. blues being trolled and jigged off the Rockaways in 20 to 30 ft. of water. There are also 15 to 20 lb. blues being taken further offshore. The BA area has been a prime spot chumming and baiting days. Good mako action on 300 lb. class fish SE of the Ha. Still a few blacks and flounder at the bridges.

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Over at **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway, Skip notes a good body of fluke just moved in off the high school area in Reynolds. Also producing this week has been Debs, Silver Pt. jetty and the black warrior. Very good bluefish catches at Cholera, 3 sisters and middle grounds. Lots of mako hookups and lots of fish dropped too with sharks in general making a decent showing this week. Blue claws very good in Bay Park and behind the store. The Big M has been a hotspot for flounder this week with heavy chumming at key.

Sailing out of Mill Basin Capt. Joe Abbitticcio's **Miss Plaza** had good fluking this week with Vito Masotti taking Friday's pool with a 4 lber. and Anthony Monaco high hook with 24 keepers to 3½ lbs. Fares averaged 12 keepers a man. On Saturday Frank DeVita had 15 keeper fluke and a 4½ lb. pool fish.

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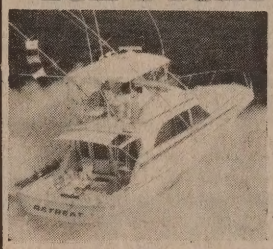
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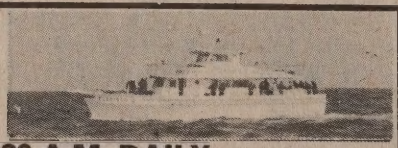

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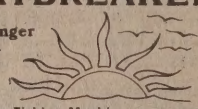

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The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** told of very good fluking this past week with fish mostly keepers. Barbara Falciglis bagged a 5 lb. 8 oz. fluke fishing off Manhattan Beach while a 5 lb. 4 oz. fluke was boated by Mario Costa on a Bay Charter and the Tin Can. Blackfishing has been fair and a few porgies are starting. A 19 lb. 8 oz. bass was caught by Joe Ciprano drifting a live bunker off the Rockaway jetty area. Blues have been very good with sea bass mixed in at the Tin Can and the channels all on diamonds. Jumbo blues at night at 17 and Farms on bait.

We hear from the **Zephyr** of good fluking being had this week off the Jersey coast with large fish predominating.

From Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** comes word of consistent excellent bluefishing everyday with passengers dragging of bags of fish on every trip. Fish are running from 2 to 10 lbs. and it's all jig fishing during the day with catches being made close off Long Island and Jersey coasts.

# North Shore REPORT

*with Marty Garrell*

The winds and temperatures of April returned for an encore last week and affected small boat anglers to a large degree. However, bluefishing continued to improve to the west, and there was some excellent fluking anticipated out east. Porgy catches are expected to pick up as the fleet goes east, too.

## WESTERN SOUND

Flounder were on the wane around New Rochelle, but **John's Gun** said that there were still plenty of tautog available. Bluefishing had picked up with a number of fish over 5 pounds and a few over 10 taken by chunking around Mamaroneck. Rebels were accounting for short bass, and there were a few fluke around Fairfield.

**Jack's Bait** on **City Island** saw some very good bottom fishing for blackfish and flounder. Leo Trosterud and his grandson had some 80 keepers in a catch off Oyster Bay on Thursday. Hempstead Harbor and Larchmont were popular for bluefish with bunker and mackerel chunkers doing better than others.

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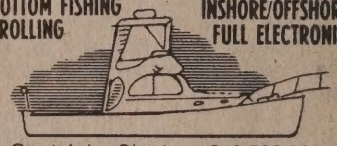
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**North Star** was getting some nice flounder in the 1-2 pound class off the Norwalk Islands with blackfish also taken on soft baits in that area. The average catch seemed to be about a dozen flounder and 3-4 tautog per fare. A few porgies mix in occasionally. Dom Cerbone's **Apache** had a good burst of blackfishing off Lloyds last week on hard bait.

Phil Nasi at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** was the first to tell us about the fine bluefishing on 4-6 pound choppers from Center Island to Tappan Beach. Crescent Beach, Staleys Beach, and all local spots were yielding good catches. One school of 6-8 pound fish and a few 10 pound plus blues have been working on bunker baits, but popper and swimmer fishermen are scoring on smaller blues. Tautog angling is still strong, and there are 20-30 pound sandsharks around for the fish-and-chips crew.

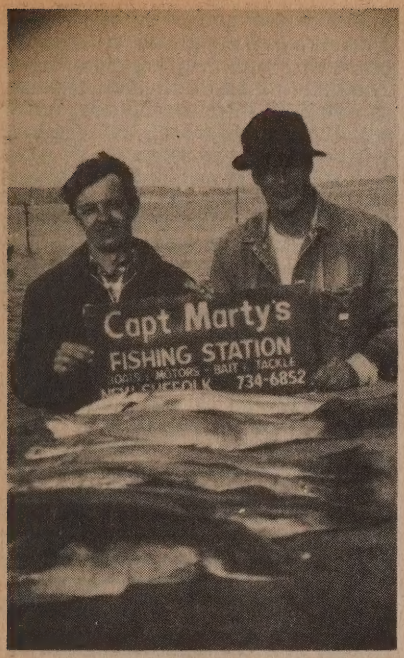
## NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** described the bluefishing up and down the Sound as "outragious" with all beaches producing. Some of the best of the boat fishing was within 100 feet of Lilco. Trolling, jigging, and casting were all working on 2-5 pound fish, and there were a few weakfish under the blues off the platform. John Maiorana weighed an 8.6 weak, one of a half dozen. Fluking was still good off the Nissequogue mouth, Sand City, and Lloyds. Most trolled bass were shorts, but there were a few fish around 6 pounds. Corrine Valentine had the best bass of the week, a 17.12. Marshall Field and Eatons were still producing tautog to 6 pounds and there were a few porgies in the Smithtown Bay area.

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** weighed a 41 pound linesider for a non-local, but he was happiest about the consistent fluking. Catches of 10 or 15 fish over 2 pounds were not unusual on squid-and-spearing.

Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready II** told us that he'll be sailing daily on bluefish now that flounder and tautog have tapered off. His early bluefish trips have produced catches ranging anywhere from 12 to 30 per fare, and fish sizes for diamond jigging are in the 2-5 pound range from Crab Meadow to Center Island. Collins prefers 2-3 ounce Tiger Stripe jigs for his work.

Captain Frank of **My Yacht II** had a very good bluefishing trip Monday evening with a **Patandjo** charter. There were a few fish to 7 pounds but most fish were 2-5. This was jigging




**John Harasemovich and Joe Prevratil caught eleven weaks to 10 lbs. and 7½ lb. blackfish in South Race during a mid-May trip out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in Southold.**

at its best. Ingargiola tells us that fluking off the Pink House has slowed down but that Oldfield is still producing well. Incidentally those blues were taken from the Buoy 11 area.

Eileen at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** said that there were lots of 2-4 pound bluefish off Lilco, and Al Sturges at the **Compleat Angler** figured that there were blues all over some local beaches with boats doing reasonably well from Buoy 11 to Buoy 9. The **Rocky Point Bait Shop** dittoed the report of excellent bluefishing close to the beach. Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** said that fluke were still hanging in at Cedar Beach with an 8 pounder weighed one week ago. Rowboats had porgies ranging from hand-sized to nearly 2 pounds around the rocks in the Miller Place area. Some of the largest porgies were right under the schools of small bluefish and could be taken on small diamond jigs.

## NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle** in **Aquebogue** weighed Ted Stone's 29.8 striper taken Tuesday night while plugging with medium spinning gear. Then on Saturday, Kevin and Tony Bayuk showed up with five large fluke for weighing, and the best fish was 8½ pounds. Besides good fluking there were nice sized porgies and some blackfish on the Pipeline.

The windy week was tough on the small boats from **Captain Marty's** on the bay and from the **Mattituck Fishing Station** on the Sound. Phil Loria said that late week results included one catch of 5 summer weakfish from the old Buoy 23 location and a 9.8 weakfish taken Saturday. The best catch of porgies Saturday was 15-20 fish from anchor, but blowfish are in abundance west of Robins Island and catches to 30-40 are not unusual. At the **Mattituck Fishing Station** on the Sound, there were a few weakfish to 4 pounds among the porgies, but blackfish and fluke are still the best bet.

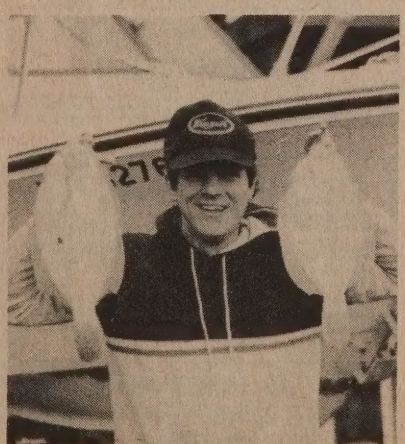
The **Port of Egypt** in **Southold** is renting skiffs now on a daily basis and had some good returns on fluke from the Oyster Factory, Buoy 8. A steady but slow pick of fluke and weaks has been reported on some days from the Brickyard and the 90 foot hole, but porgy fishing has been slow with a few dozen fish here and there between Buoy 18 and South Ferry.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** was excited about a catch of more than 20 weakfish by Richie Jensen's charter on the **Nancy Ann**. White tells us that the flood tide has been good for occasional weakfish from Louies Beach and Hay Beach.

Heartening news was appearing from the porgy fleet. Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** had a couple of shots during the week up in the Bay, but there are few places where the scup are thick. However, Brennan will be trying the old Gardiner's haunts this week and expects much better fishing. George Porter's **Brand X** has already enjoyed the first blast of large scup, Gardiner's Island fish, last week on Saturday, in fact, so good results are anticipated this week.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** had problems with the weather like most everybody else last week, and lost charters on Friday and Sunday. However, Saturday afforded excellent Sound fishing east of Mattituck Inlet and around Duck Pond for fluke on the flood. Blackfishing with hard baits around the Pipeline was good on the ebb. Roanoke appears to have large porgies. With water temperatures only 54-55 degrees and a load of sandeels in the area, better fluking and blues are yet to come.

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** had a great Saturday with a group of 27 on the Sound when some expert anglers managed more than 6 fluke apiece. These were large fish in the 3-5 pound range with a 7 pound pool winner. Mussel and clam are producing a mix of winter flounder and tautog off Orient, and there are some fluke off Trumans Sporadically.



**LIF subscriber Steve Galgano of Old Brookville shows a pair of big flounder taken in Long Island Sound off of Mattituck.**

# Surf REPORT

*with Fred Golofaro*

Last week's rash of big striper activity faded considerably this week, though several impressive bass did fall to some lucky casters. On the North Shore, hordes of small bluefish have been entertaining casters mornings and evenings along a vast expanse of Sound shoreline. Weakfish action remains low key though there was a reported spirt in activity along North Fork beaches following Thursday's NW blow.

Charlie Beckmann of **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** put a very respectable striper on the scale early last week for Al and Dave Malinowitz. The 28½ pound bass was taken on a bunker at Jones Beach, West End 2, Monday night.

Although the Fire Island surf surrendered few cow bass this past week, several nice stripers were taken by boatmen. Evidence that at least some fish remain from the prior week's activity. Joe Dantuono of Lindenhurst did managed to drill a 28½ pound striper out of Fire Island Inlet on Thursday night. He reportedly took the fish on a snagged bunker and added a pair of 8 pound weaks as well. Both weaks fell for Rebel swimmers. Joe checked his catch at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**.

A rather impressive weakfish was taken from the Inlet on Wednesday according to Bobby Sprenger of **Captree Bait Station**. Bob reported weighing a weak of 14 pounds for Anthony Zientek. Bobby added that small blues have been in and out at Democrat, Cedar and the Sore Thumb.

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello told of weighing a 30 pound striper for Patchogue Fishing Club Member Peter Cilento. Peter took the cow Wednesday morning in Moriches Inlet on an Ava 27 with a green tube. Another caster reported lots of small blues on the east side of

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Moriches Inlet early in the week. Ozzie Von Helmond who prefers to spend much of his time along Brookhaven Town's north shore beaches checked in with 6 weakfish on Tuesday morning. Fish ranged from 5 to 10 pounds and were taken on eelworms. The biggest striper of the week was an import of Montauk. Tom Demme, returned from working the Point Thursday night with a 42 pound striper. He paired the big cow with another fish in the low teens. Both were taken on green Musso Superstrike Needlefish.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** noted that Demme's fish accounted for most of what came out of the Montauk surf this weekend. He did know of a couple of small bass up to nine pounds taken before dark between North Bar and the Light. He commented too, that very few casters had been working Montauk's beaches. Shagwong has been quiet as has the south side beaches. An occasional bluefish up front on poppers and pencil poppers early mornings and evenings.

East End Surf Club member Glen Just noted that since Friday, there has been a fair showing of 5-6 pound weaks along North Fork beaches east of Wading River. These same beaches

**Vinnie Sombrotto shows the 13 lb. weak he caught near Jessups back on April 28. The big tide-runner was the first rod and reel weak of the season reported from Peconic Bay.**

have been producing lots of short bass and all the small blues you want. On Thursday night, one caster did manage an 8¾ pound chopper. Rebels, eelworms and Redfins accounted for the weaks and small bass. Blues are on poppers and tins evenings and early mornings.

Speaking from his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, Stan Hentschel told of lots of small blues being taken along local beaches on tins and poppers. Friday night saw Don Meola take 34 blues, mostly small, but up to 8½ pounds. Chuck Schloss had a load of blues at West Meadow Beach over the weekend. Quite a few short bass around but some keepers also. Chick Nichols used Smokey Joe Redfins to take bass of 8½ and 9½ pounds from a local beach on Saturday night.

A good week for blues on beaches from Caumsett through Sunken Meadow according to George Valentine of **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington**. Mixed with the blues are an occasional weak and some short bass. Here and there a legal sized striper is landed. Lots of talk of a 30 pounder taken at Caumsett Monday night after dark on a Needlefish plug.

Members of the Salty Fly Rodders of New York descended upon Shelter Island for their Annual Rally this weekend. Thirty casters weilding long rods kept busy with school bass and blues in the 3-5 pound range. Final tally for Friday and Saturday night included 15 bass and 5 blues, most of which were taken on Friday night. All the action was after dark with white streamer patterns working best.

# Freshwater REPORT
## *with Tom Schlichter*

Despite some large bass reported this week, fishing for bigmouths seemed to take a turn toward the slow side. Action with trout, aside from the parks, also slumped this week. On the brighter side, panfishing has continued excellent while pickerel remained steady.

Bill Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**, reports that Steve Rauchut of Elmont, got in a few good innings with the trout at Caleb Smith State Park this week. Steve used streamer flies to take 15 brook trout to 2 lbs. He also connected with a 2 lb. tiger trout, a cross between a brookie and a brown trout. Locally, Hempstead Lake and Grant Park have both been producing scattered catches of bass and panfish.

From **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, Bob Turturello reports that Steve Burey and friend got the better of the bass at Forge Pond in


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Riverhead Saturday morning. Between them, they managed 48 bass from 1-4 lbs. and a 26" pickerel. On the Wantaugh Twin Lakes, Bob M Jr. has been taking plenty of small pickerel on live killies. A few larger fish and an occasional bass has spiced up the action.

Over at Lake Ronkonkoma, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**, called the bass fishing slow. A few anglers who fish the lake regularly, have been catching a couple fish in the 3½-4 lb. range, but most anglers are experiencing difficulty. Panfishing, on the other hand, has been great with worm baits producing the best scores.

Although Park Manager Gill Bergen was on vacation this week, a call to his office revealed that trout fishing on the Connetquot River was some what mixed this week. Anglers fishing before the rains came had better action than those who fished after the waters were stirred by runoff. One fisherman who connected was Phil Sobierajski who culled a 5 lb. rainbow from beat #24 on a grey ghost.

From his office at Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti confirmed the catch of a 2 lb. tiger trout by Steve Rauchut. In general, fishing was a little on the slow side this week compared to recent reports because of low water levels prior to Saturday's rainstorm. Largest fish of the week were rainbows of 20 and 21" taken from the main pond.

Rod DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, passed on word that Joe Nigro, Skip Walker, and Mike Fala teamed up to take 12 trout from inside Connetquot River State Park. Mike's largest was a 1.14 lb.

brook trout while a 2.12 rainbow proved to be the largest fish for Skip. Twelve year old Joe accounted for four fish. In general, the park was a little slow this week.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, had lots of good fishing to report this week. Heading the list was a 6 lb. largemouth bass weighed in by George Rose of Coram. The fish was taken from the south end of Kahlers Pond in East Moriches early Saturday morning and fell for a black jelly-worm. In the Mill Pond, Jim Curto of Patchogue clicked with a bass of 3.7 lbs. Angel Ortiz also connected this week, weighing in a 2¼ lb. bass taken from West Lake on a live killie. Ed Salpietro, 15, of Holtsville, weighed in a 3.12 lb. pickerel. Sea run trout in the local creeks slowed over the past few days and Paul says we'll just have to wait until a new influx of fish from the bay liven things up.

From his **Sportsmans Center** on Rt. 112 in **Medford**, Al Schreier reports that a regular customer by the name of Joe stopped by with his usual limit of 2 lb. trout taken from the Connetquot River early this week. Otherwise, freshwater reports have been slow.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, said that fishing has not been up to par the last several days. Still, George and his friend Terry Romano managed four bass and two pickerel on Thursday. The two teamed up again on Saturday to combine for five more bass and two pickerel at Wildwood Lake. One of the bass was a 5.2 lb. specimen taken by George. Also on Saturday, Jim Owen of Ridge weighed in a 4 lb. largemouth which came from Sandy Pond in Manorville.

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From Rochester N.Y., Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters**, reports that Al Colban of **J & R Sport Center** and his friend Rick Kenehan, decided to give the Connetquot River trout a brief reprieve and journeyed to Lake Erie for a Saturday charter. Fishing 5-6 miles offshore, they had a great time catching a mixed bag of steelhead, brown, and lake trout, with two small king salmon mixed in for good measure. All told, they hooked up with 25 fish and boated 17. Most of the fish were in the 7-8 lb. range and were trolled over 160' of water right on the surface. Black and silver or green spoons accounted for most of the catch.

Angelo Peluso called to report that he and Dick Kent worked Montauk's Fort Pond last Sunday and managed several nice smallmouths and large-mouths. More impressive though, was the 2 lb. hybrid striper caught and released by Dick. It was taken on a #3 Mepps and is the first legal size hybrid (15" minimum) reported to us from Fort Pond.

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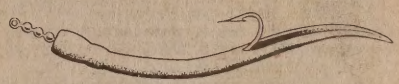

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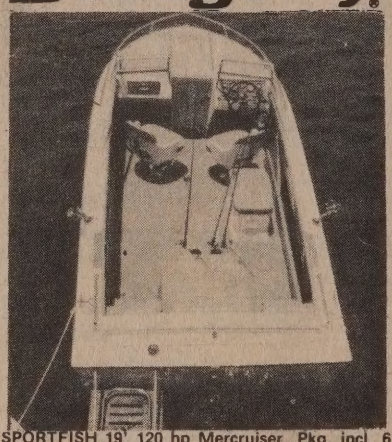


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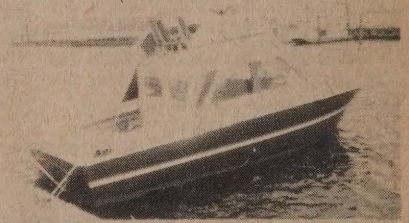

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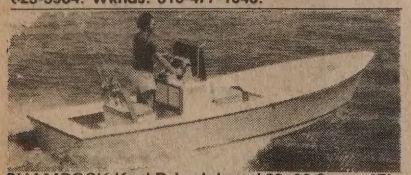

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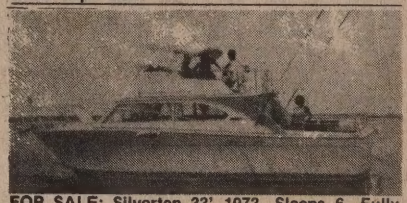

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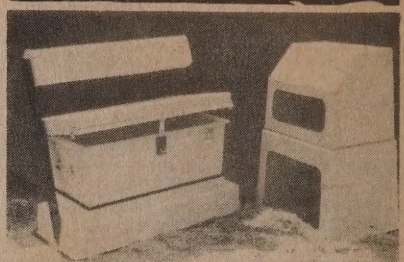

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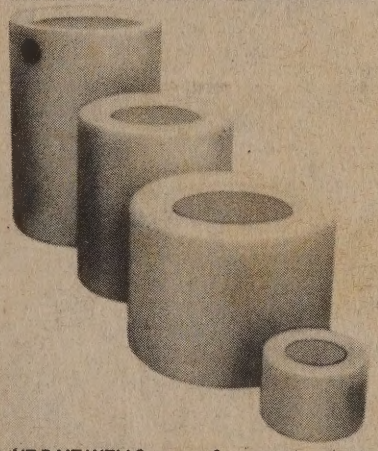

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